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THE IRISH NEGOTIATIONS.

Ulster's Attitude.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, November 29. Opening Ulster Parliament at Belfast, Sir James Craig said that the Government's proposals for an Irish settlement were utterly impossible. Ulster refused to enter an All-Ireland Parliament under present conditions, but was prepared to explore other avenues in conference.

Must be a Settlement by Dec. 6, or—?

Later. Sir James declared that Sinn Féin must say by December 6 whether it would continue to work for a settlement or whether negotiations were to be broken off. The British Government must understand finally that this was the determination of the whole people of Ulster, who refused to be intimidated or coerced, no matter what action they might take.

Enrolment of Special Constabulary in Ulster.

London, November 29. In the Ulster Parliament Sir James Craig (the Premier) stated that, owing to Sinn Féin outrages, the Cabinet had authorised the enrolment of 5,700 special constabulary. The Government of the North of Ireland was determined to protect life and property regardless of cost.

Renewed Hope.

Later. Instead of the threatened deadlock, the Irish situation has entered a new phase by a meeting of Sinn Féin and the Premier, who, it is understood, considered a totally new set of proposals.

THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE AND EXTRA-TERRITORIALITY.

Resolution in Favour of Abolition Adopted.

Washington, November 29. The Far Eastern Committee has passed a resolution in favour of the relinquishment of foreign extra-territorial rights in China, also providing that in the event of the international commission which will study Chinese laws and court practices finding the judicial system adequate, foreign courts will also be withdrawn.

Naval Meeting Postponed.

Washington, November 29. The meeting of the naval experts has been postponed till tomorrow without explanation at the request of one of the delegations.

French Naval Stipulations.

Paris, November 29. A Havas correspondent at Washington, reviewing the work of the Conference, says that the main question of naval disarmament is in way of settlement, at least as regards capital ships; but the Conference after that must settle the proportion between large fighting units and defensive units, especially submarines in which France is most interested. The French delegation, while consenting to a reduction of 2,000 tons capital tonnage, will ask for the maintenance of a submarine tonnage equal to that of any of the great naval powers—namely, 75,000 tons.

Washington, November 29. It is understood that the French delegation is prepared to ask for an aggregate capital ship tonnage equal to Japan's while Italy will ask for capital tonnage equal to France's.

DR. RATHENAU IN ENGLAND.

Interview with Bank of England Director.

London, November 29. It transpires that Dr. Rathenau is seen by Sir Robert Kindersley, Director of the Bank of England, today. It is understood that he will not be received by the Premier, but possibly by Sir Robert Home.

The nature of the conference with Sir Robert Kindersley may be summed up as referring to financial points generally.

It is noted that Sir John Bradburn, the chief delegate on the Reparations Commission, has arrived in London from Berlin.

It appears that Herr von Simon, accompanying Dr. Rathenau, is not the ex-Foreign Minister.

(Other Telegrams on Page 2.)

STEAM LAUNDRY CO.

This Morning's Meeting.

A meeting of the Steam Laundry Co., Ltd., was held this morning in Alameda Buildings. Mr. E. J. Chapman presided and there were also present Messrs. W. S. Brown (Director), W. E. L. Shenton, J. H. Taggart, M. S. Northcott, A. D. Gee (manager), and C. B. Brown (secretary).

The Chairman said: Gentlemen, the business of the meeting is purely formal; at the Extraordinary General Meeting held here on Monday the 14th November, 1921, certain special resolutions were passed and it is now necessary that they be confirmed in order to regularise the matter.

The Chairman then proposed for confirmation a special resolution of the extraordinary resolutions passed at the previous meeting.

Mr. Northcott seconded and the resolutions were confirmed.

The Secretary, having read the notice convening the second meeting, the Chairman said: In order to deal with fractions of a share in the Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd., which would be unal-

lowing to any of our Shareholders holding such a number of shares in this Company as would not be divisible under the ratio of exchange, it is necessary to pass a Resolution empowering the Liquidator to deal with the position. I therefore beg to propose:— "That in the event of any of the 8,000 shares of the Hongkong Hotel Company Limited, of the nominal value of \$10 each, credited as fully paid, the subject-matter of the Special Resolution of this Company passed on the 14th day of November 1921 and confirmed this day, being a resolution passed by reason of any of the shareholders of this Company holding such a number of shares as would entitle such shareholders to a fraction of a share of the Hongkong Hotel Company Limited, only had fractional certificates, then provided for them and in that event such unalotted shares of the Hongkong Hotel Company Limited shall be sold by the Liquidator of this Company, and the net proceeds shall be divided amongst those members of this Company who would have been entitled to such fractions in due proportions." Mr. Northcott seconded and the resolution was carried.

DANGEROUS PRANKS.

Obstructions on Tramlines.

When Emmanuel Henry, a South African driver in the employ of the Eastern Garage, was summoned before the Magistrate this morning for placing or causing to be placed, an obstruction in the shape of part of an electric battery on the tramlines at Arsenal Street, attention was called by the Tramway Company's Traffic Inspector to the dangerous prank of placing stones and other obstructions on the tramlines.

Mr. Turner, who represented the Tramway Company, said that the Company had had a great deal of trouble lately, generally with people somewhat younger than the defendant, who placed stones and various other things on the tramlines. In some cases this practice was extremely dangerous, and in order to set a warning, the Company had decided to take out this summons.

Asked by the Magistrate as to the idea of placing the electric battery on the tramlines, Mr. Turner said the motive of people was not always comprehensible, but obstructions such as the placing of stones and other things on the tramlines might result in the derailing of the cars. Defendant refused to give his name to the Tramway Traffic Inspector who caught him at it and a deal of trouble was occasioned thereby. Mr. Turner produced something which he described as part of the battery of the headlights of a motor car, and said that this was the obstruction which defendant placed on the lines at Arsenal Street.

Defendant denied having acted deliberately in the matter. He was playing with a number of children when he saw the discarded battery, and kicked it. It was by pure accident that it happened to be kicked on to the tramlines.

Mr. William Herbert Hammond, Traffic Inspector of the Tramway Company, deposed that on the 22nd instant at 7.15 p.m. he saw the defendant place the battery on the third line of the track and then go back to his garage, which was just opposite, to watch the effect. When witness had examined the nature of the thing that was placed on the tramway, he went up to defendant and questioned him. The defendant made a denial and refused to give his name when asked for it by witness. The difficulty was finally got over when two days afterwards witness met Inspector Garrod and learned from the latter the identity of the defendant.

A remand was granted by Mr. R. E. Lindell to enable defendant to bring up his employer who, he said, had seen him playing with the children and accidentally kick the battery on to the tramlines.

OPEN TOO LATE.

Yaumati Restaurants Visited.

It having come to the knowledge of the police that a number of restaurants in Yaumati are extending their business beyond the hour for closing, Mr. T. H. King, the Deputy Superintendent of Police, paid a surprise visit to two of these establishments on the 21st instant. The Chung Yuen was the first to be visited. In his statement in the Court this morning Mr. King said that, on entering the shop at 2 a.m. he found a lot of business going on and in one room, despite the lateness of the hour, a party of youngsters was found. The focus of the establishment displayed quite a knowledge in the fact that a bell communicating with the other rooms was rung as a signal on his entry into the shop. A fine of \$25 was imposed.

The manager of the Sic Sic Restaurant, who had previously been fined for a similar offence, was the defendant in the second case. Mr. King said that two parties "were going strong" as he made his surprise visit. A fine was also imposed in this case.

SAD ACCIDENT.

European Child Badly Injured.

Just as we are going to press we learn of a sad accident which took place at Kowloon this afternoon just after 2.30.

The two-year-old daughter of Capt. and Mrs. F. J. Gill, who live in Pratt Buildings, was playing on the first floor verandah, when it appears that a toy fell over into the street. The little child endeavoured to see where it had fallen when she overbalanced and fell into the street. When picked up she was found to be very seriously injured.

Captain G. E. Oxspring, of the Royal Army Veterinary Corps, was close at hand and rendered first aid. The doctor was immediately summoned, but the actual condition of the child was not known when we went to press.

CHINESE NEWS.

Our Canton correspondent reports that as the number of officials in the headquarters of the Cantonese forces amounts to 1,400 and that their monthly pay consumes an enormous sum, Gen. Coan King-ming has decided to dismiss one-third of the number. On receiving a report that many spies from Hupoh are on their way to the south, President Sun Yat-sen has wired Gen. Chan King-ming to keep a sharp lookout.

A Peking telegram states that at the Paoing Conference two Kwan and Wu Pui-foo advised the representatives of various Provinces to supply military expenses to the Central Government.

A Shanghai telegram reports that the Commander on the defence lines, west of Hupoh has reported the appearance of Szuchuen troops. He urges that reinforcements should be despatched immediately.

Many secret organs have been raided in Hankow for having distributed hand bills exhorting every one to join the South and sweep away the northern Government.

We take the following from the Canton Times:—

A Lawn Bowls Club has recently been formed in Shamshien with the British Consul as chairman. Thanks are due to the Consul for permission given to the members for the use of the piece of ground in the Shamshien Garden for the game.

All churches and Christian organizations of Canton have recently joined together to carry out a Purify Campaign. An active crusade will be conducted against concubines, opium, private and licensed brothels, slavery or "mui-sai" system, etc. Special lectures will be given to the public against these systems. Promoters of the campaign are now joining together to consider ways to carry out the campaign effectively.

Mr. J. Batista de Freitas, the Portuguese Minister, arrived from Macao on the 27th. He is the guest of Dr. Jamieson, the British Consul General, at Shamshien. Dr. Wu Tzu-fang, the Minister of Foreign Affairs paid the Minister a visit at the British Consul's residence on Monday morning. The British Consul General entertained the Minister and Mr. F. W. Lee, the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, at his residence on Monday afternoon with the hope of settling amicably the recent conflict between the Kwangtung and the Macao Governments over the Macao Hang tracas. It is understood that the Kwangtung authorities are still insisting on a satisfactory reply from the Macao government to the four demands presented.

JUDGES TRIBUTE TO POLICE.

"Although the police make mistakes now and again, yet for courtesy, tact and fairness, the police force in this country is an example to the whole world," said Mr. Justice McCord at Carnarvonshire Assizes.

ST. ANDREW'S DAY.

To-Night's Ball.

A SIMPLE BUT EFFECTIVE SCHEME.

Between 1,300 and 1,400 local Scotsmen and their friends will assemble in the City Hall to-night for the annual St. Andrew's Ball and so will have all the arrangements been made that it can be taken for granted that the Ball of 1921 will prove to be as enjoyable and noteworthy as any of its many predecessors.

In accordance with the usual practice the local Society dispatched a number of congratulatory telegrams during the morning to kindred Societies throughout the Far East, and throughout the day replies were received.

After last year's big display at the City Hall and the competitive lavishment indulged in by the St. George's Society, something of a halt has been called this year regarding the splendour of the decorations but the Decorations Committee, with the invaluable assistance of Mr. George Duncan, have transformed our City Hall into a fairyland—simple yet attractive. In place of expensive decorative effects secured by the use of bunting and specially made contrivances, greenery has been extensively employed and the result is a pleasant and soothing scheme. At the entrance a porch, surmounted by an electrically lighted Cross of St. Andrew, and on entering the hall one passes into a bamboo pergola, in which the bamboos have been artistically intertwined at the top to form a roof. The grand stairway is as usual treated with palms and plants. On the left of the entrance is the gents' cloak room and on the right is the ladies' cloak room, while the Free Library has again been utilised as "Anchorage" and card rooms, an additional card room being situated on the left of the stairway. On the first landing of the stairway, are two huge St. Andrew's flags and the Scottish Standards support another national flag with an electrically lighted Scotch Thistle forming the centre piece. There is the usual treatment with palms and greenery, the walls bearing in large letters the two dates 1841-1921. As one ascends the stairway one sees reflected in a large mirror the portrait of Robert Burns, hung on the top of the stairway, while on the top landing itself the main feature is a huge staff's head, clan shield and festooned greenery. The ladies' upstairs cloak room accommodation is on both sides of the landing this year.

The main feature of the two large halls this year is the liberal use of clan shields and festoons of evergreens, and the effect is surprisingly striking. The friezes of both halls are picked out in alternate blue and white electric lights, in fact, these national colours of Scotland predominate throughout the entire scheme. Above the President's dais in St. George's Hall are two Red Ensigns draped over a Rampant Lion shield, the whole surmounting the picture of the late Queen Victoria. At the opposite end of the hall and in a corresponding position is hung a large picture of Edinburgh Castle as seen from the Scott Monument—this being the work of Mr. George Duncan. Visitors to-night will note that the meeting places of partners have been arranged as last year, big letters "A" and "B" being on one side of the hall and the other "C" and "D" being on the other. In St. George's Hall is hung a large representation of St. Andrew standing before his cross, but apart from this the room has been simply treated as stated above.

There are the usual "cozy corners" on the wide verandahs and the social room and light refreshment room have been decorated very much after the ordinary manner. A portrait of Sir Walter Scott gives the necessary touch. In the Theatre, which is again being used as the supper room, a simple but effective colour scheme of blue and white has been carried out. Round the walls have been draped St. Andrew's flags and the pillars are similarly treated. Round the face of the balcony has been hung Gordon Tartan alternating with shields, targets and helmets. On the platform the official table will take horseshoe form while at the back of the stage peeping through the greenery is a representation of the Clyde as seen from Lyle Road, Greenock, painted by Mr. George Duncan. The pictures show Ben Lomond, the Gair Loch, Kilcregan Cove, Loch Long, Strone Point and the Holy Loch while in the immediate foreground is seen the David MacBrayne's steamer Columbia—a truly wonderful picture.

AN UNSTAMPED DOCUMENT.

Successful Legal Objection.

Quoting Section 6 of the Stamp Ordinance, 1921, Mr. H. L. Denny was successful in the Summary Court, before Mr. Justice Gompertz, this morning, in obtaining an adjournment in the case in which Ma Yung sued Chan Kwai-sang, for the repayment of \$300 under a contract dated June 25th, 1921.

Mr. Denny mentioned that defendant, his client was ill and could not attend Court. He submitted that plaintiff (represented by Mr. F. Mason) must fail because the document was unstamped. Under Section 6 of the Stamp Ordinance, 1921, it could only be stamped with the consent of the collector.

His Lordship said even if this point had not been raised as a preliminary it would have been his duty to act under the Ordinance. He advised Mr. Mason to approach the collector.

The case was adjourned sine die.

CRICKET.

The following will represent the H. K. C. C. on Saturday next:—

1st XI. v Royal Navy, on H. K. C. C. Ground at 12.15 p.m. R. Hancock (Captain), T. E. Pearce, A. A. Claxton, E. J. K. Mitchell, Major H. M. Edwards, Capt. H. E. Murray, F. H. Farthing, A. B. Raworth, E. G. Lamont, L. J. Davies and W. J. Hope.

2nd XI. v R. A. M. C. at Happy Valley at 2.15 p.m. L. D. McNeill (Captain), H. H. Taylor, B. D. C. Morgan, M. M. Watson, H. H. Benson, D. Reid, W. F. Mackenzie, G. M. Dorkins, W. N. Young, W. Fraser and J. R. Way.

News in To-day's New Advertisements.

"Seeds of Vengeance" commences on Friday at the World Theatre.—Page 4.

The mid-week picture at the Hongkong Theatre is entitled "The Web of Desire".—Page 12.

"The Way of a Woman" is the film feature at the Kowloon Theatre to-night.—Page 17.

There will be a Street Sale of Roses by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul on December 2.—Page 4.

Mackintosh have a Removal Sale commencing to-morrow.—Page 7.

The O.S.K. advise consignees of cargo of the arrival of the Argus Maru.—Page 5.

Thorson & Co. notify consignees of cargo of the arrival in port of the S.S. Bessa.—Page 5.

Lumbers are selling Sugar, Curio Stands and Showcases to-morrow.—Page 4.

Powell's advertise Glyn's Hats.—Page 7.

The O.S.K. advise consignees of cargo of the arrival of the Hawaii Maru.—Page 9.

To-Day's Exchange.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 8 1/4d.

The Weather.

2 p.m. Barometer—30.03 Temperature—75. Humidity—57.

Lighting-Up Time.

Lighting-up time to-day, 5.38 p.m.

Ogilvie, Mr. W. Fraser, and Mr. F. K. Crawford.

East River Committee.—Dr. C. Forryth, (Convener), Messrs. T. Petrie, A. H. Lay, Mr. J. Gordon and Mr. E. L. Bost.

Decorations Committee.—Mr. George Duncan (Convener), Messrs. A. B. Ramsey, J. Sheppard, D. Keith, Mr. A. G.

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S. P. C. A. MEETING.

Home for Dogs Discussed

The annual meeting of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was held at the Helena May Institute yesterday afternoon. Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz presided. The attendance represented the different sections of the community and included the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock and Mrs. Pollock, Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak, Mr. Ho Fook, Mr. and Mrs. Quarles van Ufford, Messrs S.B.C. Ross, R. H. Kotewall, Lo Cheung-shui, Li Pok-wai, J. L. McPherson, J. P. Braga, A. F. B. Silva-Netto, Ip Lan-chuen, Chow Tung-shan and Li Yick-mui. Mr. M. S. Northcote acted as Secretary during the meeting on account of the absence of Mr. B. L. Frost, the Hon. Secretary.

Mr. J. H. Ramsay, Hon. Treasurer, announced that the subscriptions and donations to the Society totalled \$2,597.01 and the expenditure (advertisements and stationery) amounted to \$170.34, leaving a balance of \$2,426.67.

The Chairman said that the S.P.C.A. at present had 333 members. They had not done an enormous amount in the way of actually getting to business because they had been hampered by finance. Many people would like to run their own dogs' home, and it had been said that the scheme would mean the acquisition of an inspector if it was put into effect.

The Society's difficulty was the lack of funds, for the employment of an inspector would cost about \$4,000 a year and the erection of a dogs' home would involve a considerable outlay. The amount of money now in the hands of the Society was some \$2,000. The Chairman considered it would be better to wait till more money had come in and then approach the Government to meet the Society half way in the scheme. At the last meeting it was stated that Lady Stubbs had consented to place the grounds of Government House at the Society's disposal to hold a fête to raise money, but after further consideration, it was felt by Lady Stubbs and the Committee that coming so soon after the M.C.L. bazaar the fête would throw a lot of work on the organizers and would probably fall flat. A better scheme suggested was an intense drive, like the Liberty Bond Drive, during the war, for which influential committees were being formed. This would take place about Christmas time, and he hoped the S.P.C.A. would get \$10,000 by this means.

Even with that amount the Society would not be able to pay for the dogs' home and the inspector without a good deal of Government aid. They would have to approach the people with new drives and the public might get tired of them. Another difficulty was that an inspector of the home, being dissociated from the Government, might sometimes have friction with members of the Police Force and other Government inspectors. For instance, he was told that 20 per cent of the chickens arrived dead in the Colony. It paid for an inspector to check it, but as the inspector had no launch of his own, he had to depend upon the courtesy of the Water Police every time he wanted to get aboard ships.

His idea, continued the Chairman, was that if the S.P.C.A. had \$10,000 or \$15,000 at their disposal they could approach the Government, tell them that the Society was prepared to put up so much money, and ask that a dogs' home be run under the control of the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon. If that was done there would be a sergeant, or inspector, under the C.V.S., and possible friction which might otherwise occur would be eliminated. In such a case the Government, he thought, would in-

clude the Society to form a visiting committee to inspect the dogs' home like the Justices of the Peace, who made periodical visits to the goal, etc. Mr. Gompertz referred to the valuable support given to the Society by the Chinese.

An effective school campaign of enlightenment among the Chinese, said the Chairman, could be undertaken through the Hon. Mr. Irving. Some Chinese schools in the New Territory had applied to Mr. Irving for assistance because they wished to acquaint their pupils of the ideals aimed at by the Society.

With regard to badges, which had been designed by Col. Bird, the Chairman said that Mr. Lau Chu-pak had ordered 500 and when they arrived they would be distributed to children members.

The Committee, through Mr. Lau Chu-pak, said Mr. Gompertz, had ordered baskets to be used to carry chickens, and these, when they arrived, would be distributed to compradores. One basket would hold one or two chickens and could be used for a long time. The Society intended to insist on poultry dealers using

them, and hoped the Government would require, under the penalty of a fine, that all chickens be removed from the markets in baskets. The Chairman announced that two new patrons elected by the Society were the Bishop of Victoria and the Chief Justice.

Proposing the election of the Hon. Mr. Pollock as President of the Society, Mr. Gompertz said that Mr. Pollock, as Vice-President, since the formation of the S.P.C.A., had done valuable work on the Law and various other committees.

The Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. Thanking the Chairman for his election Mr. Pollock regretted that he was unable to officiate for the whole year as he would be going home in April, but he hoped to do as much as he could prior to his departure.

Other office-bearers elected were Mr. J. Bell Irving, Vice-President; Mr. Northcote, Hon. Secretary, and Mr. J. H. Ramsay, Hon. Treasurer.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

CHINA AT THE CONFERENCE.

Washington, Nov. 29.

The text of the Far Eastern Committee's resolution, reported earlier, is as follows: "Recognizing the justice of the desire expressed by the Chinese Government to secure the abolition of foreign postal agencies in China, save, or except, in leased territories or otherwise specifically provided by treaty, it is resolved (1) That the four Powers having such postal agencies shall agree to their abandonment subject to the following conditions: First, that an efficient Chinese postal service be maintained; second, that an assurance be given by the Chinese Government that they contemplate no change in the present postal administration as far as the status of the foreign co-Director General is concerned. (2) To enable China and the Powers concerned to make the necessary dispositions this arrangement shall come into force not later than (date left blank).

Pending complete withdrawal of the foreign postal agencies the four Powers concerned shall severally undertake to afford full facilities to the Chinese Customs authorities to examine all postal matter (except ordinary letters, whether registered or not, which upon external examination appear to contain written matter) passing through with a view to ascertaining whether they contain articles of dutiable contraband or otherwise contravening the customs regulations and laws of China.

A communique says that the Chinese delegation has sent a statement to the Far Eastern Committee demanding the removal of various establishments placed in China by the foreign Powers without treaty, including foreign troops, police and telegraph and wireless stations. The Committee decided to discuss the statement at next meeting and also appointed a special drafting committee.

The Allied Debits.

New York, Nov. 29.

Newspapers from Washington say that French aloofness is not so great as is generally imagined. It is understood France would consent to adhere to the disarmament plan and also meet the German delegates at a subsequent conference provided she could rely on American support in obtaining reparations and if reparations could be linked up with the French debts to America in case of Germany's default, thus relieving France of her obligations. It is stated that President Harding is using the question of the Allied debts as a political weapon in order to advance American views as to disarmament in the Far East. If France does not yield America will not give her assistance; if she does, America will gladly help.

The Naval Ratio.

Washington, Nov. 29.

Despite a persistent report that Japan is prepared to yield on the capital ship ratio, the latest statement by Admiral Kato indicates that he at any rate intends to contend for seventy per cent. for Japan, at today's meeting of the naval experts of the five Powers. He told an interviewer that Japan wholeheartedly accepted the reduction of armament burdens and was quite prepared to scrap capital ships in the course of construction and old battleships. He added that the naval ratio is a question of grave concern to the security of nations and hoped the United States will accept seventy per cent. for Japan which is the minimum strength required for her security. It is stated that the Americans will stand firmly on Mr. Hughes' original ratio.

GERMANY'S FINANCIAL BURDEN.

London, Nov. 29.

There is much speculation over the arrival in London of Dr. Rathenau and Herr Simon, formerly German Ministers of Reconstruction and Foreign Affairs respectively. Both are intimately associated with the question of reparations and their arrival is generally connected with the problems of the next reparations payments in January and February, which the experts say can only be assured by a foreign loan or the alienation of German state property including railways. Their arrival is also connected with the recent mysterious visit of Herr Stinnes, in connection with which no reliable information, except that it was concerned with German finance, has been learned. The proposal to institute a two-yearly moratorium of Germany's debts to the Allies forms the subject of a strong memorandum from the British representative on the Reparation Commission, who urges the importance of Germany being given a breathing space for the consolidation of her finances. The French attitude still considers the January and February payments possible but the position afterwards most doubtful.

PERSIAN OILFIELDS.

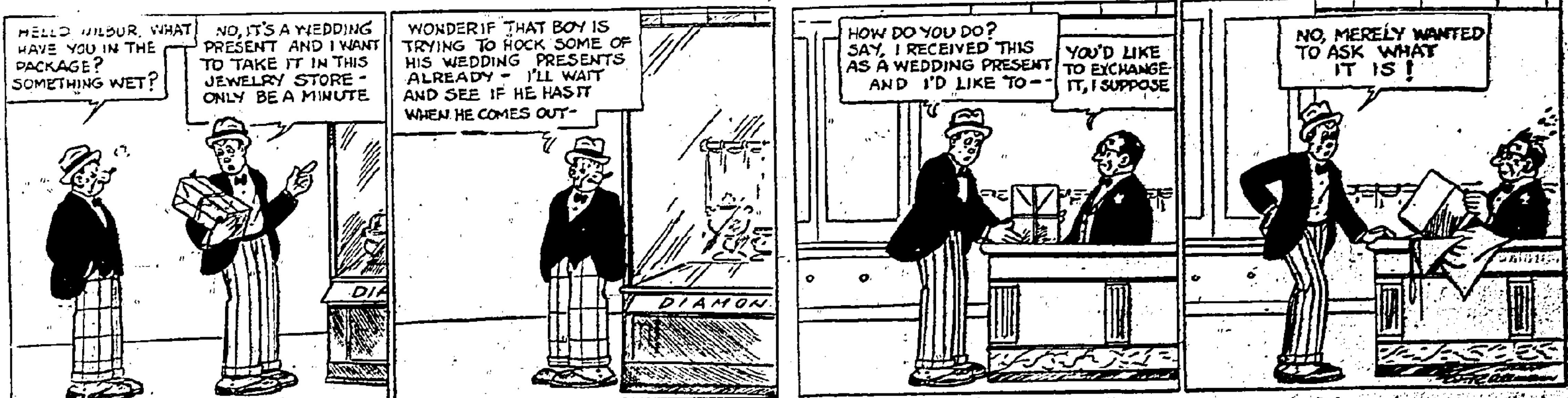
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Report of the Society for
the year 1921.

In view of the approach of the 38th annual al fresco fete, which is held each year in December in aid of the funds of the Society, the Council has much pleasure in submitting the following preliminary report for the year 1921.

1. The receipts and expenditure have been as follows:—

Receipts.	
Balance from 1920.....	\$ 555.70
In hands of Postmaster General (Probationer Clerk's Deposit).....	50.00
Net proceeds of Bazaar held on 12th Decem- 1920.....	14,256.52
Donations.....	60.00
Government Grant.....	100.00
Collections.....	183.40
Proceeds of sale of programmes of Lusitano Recreation Club An- nual Sports.....	122.18
Subscriptions.....	70.00
Interest.....	40.18
	\$15,487.98

Estimated Deficit 31 December, 1921.....	1,820.45
	\$17,258.38

Expenditure.

1. Relief in money and provisions, January-October.....	\$ 5,248.40
2. Rent, January-October.....	1,542.00
3. Clothing, January-October.....	9.00
1. Education:—	
Tuition, books and Stationery.....	2,042.08
Grants to Vernacular Schools:—	
Kwailap Schools, Wan- chai.....	700.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society's School Mongkok.....	747.18
5. Medical Aid, Jan- uary-October.....	170.25
6. Passages for distress- ed persons, January- October.....	140.55
7. Sundries, January- October.....	15.50
8. Home for the Aged Poor, Kowloon-long, (January-October):—	
Food.....	\$ 2,160.00
Rent.....	300.00
Telephone.....	110.46
Electric Light (Current).....	40.65
Water.....	7.50
Installation of electric lights.....	92.00
Installation tele. phone service.....	50.00
Installation water ser- vice.....	46.11
Additional beds.....	167.00
	\$ 13,798.93

Estimated Expenditure for November and December:—

Under heads 1 to 7 above.....	\$ 1,980.09
Home for the Aged Poor Christmas Grants to the Poor.....	360.00
	\$ 2,340.09

2. In presenting this report the Council wishes to express its grateful thanks for the generous response given by the public of Hongkong to the Society's appeal on the occasion of last year's Bazaar, the net proceeds of which amounted to \$14,256.52, as against \$12,412.96 in 1919. Thanks to this splendid result the Society has again been able to further extend the sphere of its activities during the year 1921.

3. The number of visits paid to the poor in their homes has been calculated at 2,073. 173 cases have been regularly relieved, as against 132 during the previous years and 57 in 1919.

4. Relief in money and provisions for the ten months January to October amounted to \$5,248.40, the estimated expenditure for the whole year being \$6,208, as against \$5,413 in 1920. Rent of housing accommodation for the poor under the care of the Society amounted to \$1,542.00 for the ten months January to October, the estimated expenditure for the year being \$1,551, as against \$1,096 in 1920 and \$161 in 1919.

5. It is the policy of the Society to afford as good an education as its funds permit to the children of the poor. Of the 106 children whose parents are the Society's beneficiaries, 102 are receiving an English education at the expense of the Society or are attending one of the Society's vernacular schools. The expenditure under the head of Education was \$2,042.08 during the ten months January to October, the estimated expenditure for the whole year being \$2,447.

6. Reference must here be made to a branch of the Society's work

from which the Council, as stated in last year's report, had hoped for very good results, namely, the provision for orphan girls, on the completion of their general school education (when in the ordinary course they would be leaving school to take up positions, unfortunately often too poorly paid to ensure an independent and decent living) of an extra year's tuition in Typewriting and Shorthand in order to enable them to obtain more remunerative situations in business houses.

This scheme has unfortunately not proved successful. It was found in some cases that the girls were, for various reasons, not suited for stenography and typewriting work, in other cases they did not hesitate to accept employment when offered, even at an entirely inadequate salary, before they had made any appreciable progress in Typewriting and Shorthand.

This was a work which the Council had very much at heart, and which it will at all times be glad to assist and encourage should deserving cases come to its notice.

7. Under the head of Education the Society maintains two vernacular schools, the Kai Lap School at Wanchai and the St. Vincent de Paul Society's School at Mongkok. Both the Higher and Lower Kai Lap Schools were moved during the year to larger premises on the top floors of Nos. 80 and 82 Queen's Road East. The control of this school, which had for several years been in the hands of a Committee of Chinese gentlemen, was transferred to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul during the year.

The school has maintained its excellent reputation and has continued to be successfully conducted to the entire satisfaction of the children's parents and of the Inspector of Vernacular Schools. All available accommodation has been filled during the year, and many applicants have had to be refused. The daily average attendance is 55.

The Society's expenditure on account of this school amounted to \$700 for the ten months ended 31st October; the estimated expenditure for the whole year being \$850.

The Tin Chi Tong School, Yau-ma-tei, was reorganized in April of this year. It is now more centrally situated at No. 179 Coronation Road and has been re-named the St. Vincent de Paul Society's School. The Society's expenditure on account of this school for the ten months ended 31st October, amounted to \$747.18, which sum included charges in connection with the transfer of the school to its new premises.

The To Ying School, Mosque Street, which is under the management of a Committee of the Chinese St. Joseph's Society and which was obliged to appeal to the Society for assistance in 1920, has been able to carry on during 1921 without further help from the Society.

8. An arrangement has been come to with the Tung Wah and Kwong Wah Hospitals by which cases of old and entirely destitute persons brought to those hospitals will, on completion of hospital treatment, be received into St. Joseph's Home for the Aged Poor at Kowloon Tong, should accommodation be

available. Hitherto a large number of such cases have remained on at the hospitals occupying much-needed ward accommodation.

In July the immediate control of the Home was handed over to a Working Committee and a Board of Advisers composed partly of members of the Society and partly of some of the leading Chinese gentlemen of the Colony. The following were appointed to be members of the Working Committee: Mr. Simon Tse Yan (Chairman), Chevalier J. M. Alves, Lieut.-Col. F. J. Bowen, Messrs. Choa Po Sien, W. G. Fitz-Gibbon, Lee Yick Mui, J.P. (Chairman, Tung Wah Hospital Committee), and Lee Wing Kwong, J.P. (Po Leung Kuk Committee). A Board of Advisers was formed at the same time consisting of: Messrs. Choa Po Sien, Fung Ping Shan, Ho Kwong, J.P., Ho Wing Kwong, J.P., Lee Yau Cheun, Lee Yick Mui, J.P., Mok Kon Sang, J.P., Simon Tse Yan and To Sze Tuen.

The Society considers itself specially fortunate in having secured the co-operation of so many of the leading members of the Chinese community of Hongkong in this great work of charity. Their presence on the Board is sufficient proof, if any were needed, that the Home fills a long-felt want in Hongkong's schemes for the relief of the Colony's poor. In this connection we have pleasure in reproducing here the following extract from a long editorial note on the Home which appeared in the *South China Morning Post* of the 12th July, 1921:

It is a great thing to have enlisted the active co-operation of the Chinese themselves in the control of the institution. It is comparatively easy to get money from rich people when once you have enlisted their interest in charitable work, but it is not so easy to get them to give of their time. The Chinese, however, who are sitting on the Board of Advisers and the Working Committee are not only men of considerable influence in Hongkong but hard workers, determined to make the good work a success. We believe the Home has a great future and shall watch with interest its progress during the years to come.

9. In presenting this brief record of the Society's work during the year, the Council feels that it can again appeal with confidence to the generosity of the Hongkong public both on the occasion of the street sale of roses on Our Poor Day, Friday, 2nd December, and at this year's Fete which will be held on the 4th December. The Society depends almost entirely on these two annual public appeals for the maintenance and the extension of its work among the poor of this Colony.

Acknowledgments.

The Bazaar Committee of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul have much pleasure in acknowledging the following donations and prizes for the Bazaar to be held on December 4th, 1921:

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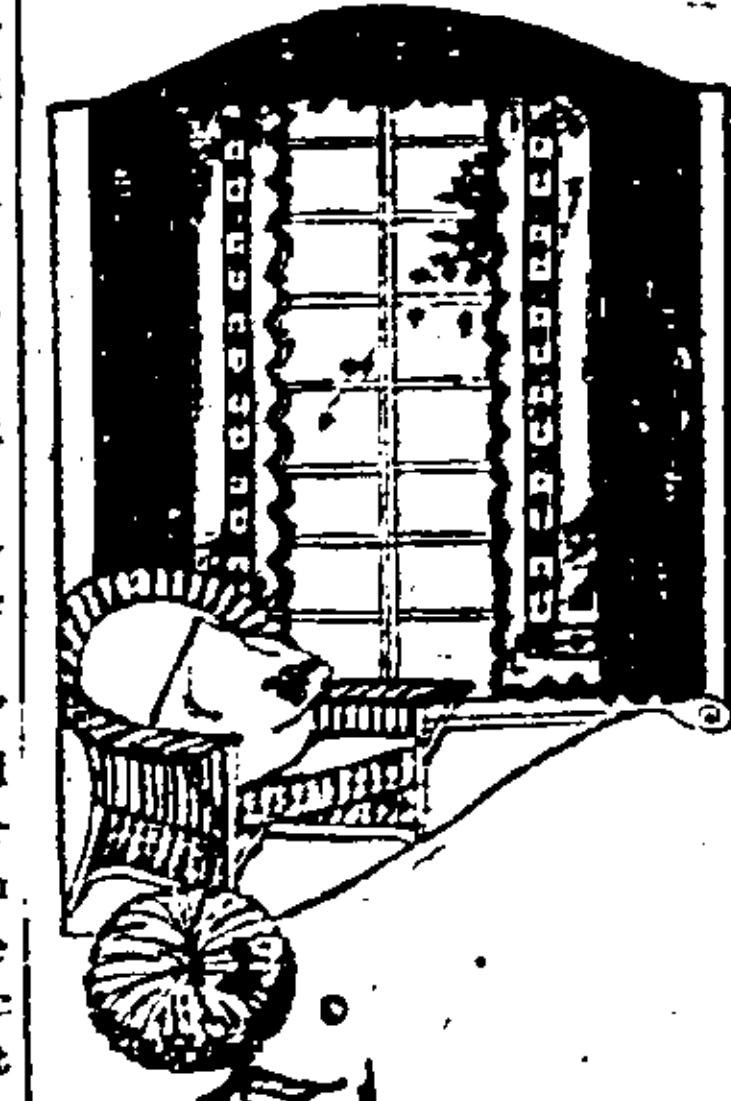
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The New Grill Room will be Opened for Dinner on the night of 30th November, 1921. Patrons are, therefore, notified that the present Grill room will cease to exist as such after 11 p.m. on that date.

Tables booked for St. Andrew's Night will be transferred to the New Grill Room.

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER COMPANY, LTD.

THE THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 10th December, 1921 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ended 30th September 1921, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from THURSDAY, the 1st December 1921 until SATURDAY, the 10th December 1921, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.

General Managers, Hongkong, 19th November, 1921.

PARTNER-SHIP ACTION.

Judgment for Defendant.

The action in which Getz Bros. of the Orient, Ltd., sought to show that Lam Kai Pang was a partner in the firm of Tang Luy and Co., against which the plaintiff company recently obtained judgment by default for breach of four contracts, the damages amounting to \$35,000, came to an abrupt ending in the Summary Court yesterday, judgment being entered for the defendant with costs.

Mr. Alabaster instructed by Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist was for the plaintiff and defendant were represented by Mr. Eldon Potter and Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Messrs. Lo and Lo).

DRUNKENNESS IN SCOTLAND.

Arrests for drunkenness in 1920 were 17,857 in excess of those in the previous year, says the Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland in his annual report.

HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

Annual Meeting.

The second annual general meeting of the Hongkong Boxing Association was held last evening at the offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co., Ltd. Sir William Rees Davies presided, and there were also present Mr. R. M. Dyer (Vice Chairman), Mr. A. Murdoch (Official Referee), Mr. J. Brooks (Manager), Mr. G. G. N. Timson (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer), Mr. F. C. Hall; also Lt. Com. Conway Hake, Messrs. J. S. McCann, W. Logan, Major G. F. E. Rippon, Messrs. S. W. Grimmett, W. Morgan and Sgt. Rogers.

The Hon. Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman said (gentlemen, with your permission we will take the General Committee's Report and the Statement of Accounts and Receipts and Payments for the year ending the 30th September 1921, as read. You will notice in the Tournament Account that the receipts have dropped roughly \$5,000 compared with the previous year. This was due to the fact that it was not practicable to hold tournaments until the month of February.

Only two championship fights took place. One in March in which "Sty" Kinnison beat Leading Seaman Cuddey for the welter weight championship and the other in April in which the Police Reserve Mounted Patrol, A. E. Evans won the heavy weight championship on points against Pte. Wilkins of the R.M.L.I.

The Loss of Mr. Wilden. On the 23rd December last the Association suffered a severe loss through the death of Chief Revenue Officer J. C. Wilden, the Association's energetic Manager. Mr. Wilden was heart and soul with the Association and it was undoubtedly greatly owing to him that the Association's first season was so eminently successful, and I am sure that you will all endorse the Committee's vote of a sum not exceeding \$500 to be spent in the erection of a suitable tombstone over his grave.

The Committee wish to express their thanks and that of the Association to Mr. E. A. M. Williams who has so kindly audited the Association's accounts for the last year in the absence of Mr. A. R. Lowe who is on leave in England. If there are any questions on the Report and Accounts that I can answer I shall be pleased to do so. I beg now to propose the adoption of the Committee's Report and Statement of Accounts and Receipts and Payments for the year ending the 30th September, 1921.

Mr. W. Logan seconded and the motion was carried.

Election of Officers.

The Officers were all re-elected, as follows:

Chairman: Sir William Rees Davies. Vice Chairman: Mr. R. M. Dyer. Official Referee: Mr. A. Murdoch. Manager: Mr. J. Brooks. Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: Mr. G. G. N. Timson. General Committee: Messrs. S. J. Clarke, J. Scott Harrison, F. C. Hall, F. C. Jenkin and W. Ward. Hon. Auditor: Mr. S. R. Lowe. Mr. Brooks said it was not known whether Revenue Officer Clarke was coming back to the Colony. He proposed that Revenue Officer Watt be put on in Mr. Clarke's place.

The Chairman said 48 hours notice was necessary. However, the Committee had power to fill the vacancy and he suggested that it be left to the Committee.—Agreed.

The concluded the business.

Amendments of Articles. An extraordinary general meeting was then held, whereas the amendments to the Articles of Association which have been advertised were put forward in a resolution by the Chairman. He explained that their main object was to have the financial year end in June instead of September, which was more convenient. Also the amendments would permit the two meetings, where it was desired to pass a special resolution, to be called by notice.

The amendments were passed. They will be confirmed at a later meeting.

A vote of thanks to the chair concluded the proceedings.

ITOZAKI DOCK CO.

The Itozaki Dock Company, which has been in bad repute, held an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders when it was decided to reduce the capital

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS.

Record Number of Candidates.

During this week the Matriculation, Senior and Junior Local Examinations of the University of Hongkong are being held in various parts of the Far East.

The centres where the candidates are being examined are Hongkong (at the University), Shanghai, Hankow, Wuchang, Penang and Java. The total number of candidates entered for the three examinations is a record and is 577. Of that number it is noticeable that 121 have taken the Matriculation examination, 81 the Senior Local examination and 395 the Junior Local Examination.

It should be remembered that Matriculation and Senior Local Examinations were held in June 1921, so that the total number of candidates examined in 1921 is in excess of the 577 now being examined.

Matriculation Figures. There are five centres for the Matriculation examination, viz. Hongkong, Shanghai, Wuchang, Hankow and Penang.

In two of these centres girls have entered, two in Hongkong and one from Wuchang. Curiously enough these three young ladies have all elected to enter different Faculties of the University if they are successful in the Matriculation Examination. The two girl candidates from Hongkong have chosen to study Medicine and Engineering, the girl candidate from Wuchang wishes to study Arts.

Including the two girl candidates, there are 91 candidates from Hongkong for the Matriculation Examination. Doubtless a large number of these have been attracted by the valuable scholarships which the Government have offered for the training of teachers. These scholarships will carry the holder through the four years course at the University; and they also provide him with a career as a teacher in a local school. The latest scholarship was only instituted last week as a result of recommendations from the local Education Board. These scholarships are tenable only in the Arts Faculty. It has been suggested that similar scholarships for training surveyors and other technical assistants should be instituted in the other Faculties.

If all of the candidates for Matriculation are successful and enter the University, in January 1922 there will be 121 freshmen, in addition to thirty or forty who entered in September 1921. It is, of course, almost impossible that all candidates will be successful, nor are all of the successful candidates likely to enter the University. It is, however, very probable that there will be a record number of freshmen in 1922.

Girl Students.

Great interest attaches to the innovation recently made by admitting girl students to the University. It cannot be said, however, that an entry of three girls out of a total of 121 candidates leads one to suppose that there is, as yet, a great demand by Far Eastern girls for a University education. On the other hand 37 girls out of a total of 56 candidates from Hongkong have entered for the Senior Local Examination this year. It is possible that some of these girls will be more ambitious next year and will enter for the Matriculation Examination.

Shanghai, Hankow and Java.

The record entry for the Junior Local Examination at the Hongkong centre. There are 829 candidates, of whom 275 are boys and 554 are girls. Shanghai has entered only 44 candidates for that examination, of whom 42 are boys and 2 are girls. Hankow and Java have entered 7 and 15 boys respectively.

No doubt the candidates and their friends will await the results of these examinations with anxiety. They are much more fortunate now than in the days when the only public examinations held in the Far East were the Oxford and Cambridge Locals. These Hongkong University Examinations are of about the same standard, but are much more suitable for Far Eastern students.

It is expected, schools teaching English in all parts of China take these examinations as school-leaving tests, it is not improbable that in a very few years there will be thousands of candidates.

Y35,000,000 in the interests of the remaining shareholders.

The Itozaki Dock Company, which has been in bad repute, held an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders when it was decided to reduce the capital to Y35,000,000 in the interests of the remaining shareholders, and change the name to the Kaifu Kogyo Kabushiki Kaisha or the Shipping Industry Company.

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CIVIL SERVICE CRICKET CLUB.

Annual Report.

The following is the report of Hongkong Civil Service Cricket Club for the year ending 31st August, 1921:

During the year 83 new members joined the Club, 5 resigned and 21 names were removed from the list, being principally members who had left the Colony. This now leaves a membership of 242 including 34 subscribing members. We regret the loss of our founder President the Hon. Mr. Chatham, C.M.G., but recognise the great benefit we receive through the acceptance of the Presidency by the Hon. Mr. Severn, C.M.G., L.D. The cricket pitch were well last season and have every appearance of giving equal satisfactory results during the forthcoming year. The pavilion has proved itself inadequate to accommodate the influx of members and the Club must look forward to the erection of a new house commensurate with the dignity and position of the Club. The bowls green has been greatly interfered with during the season by the constant overflowing of the adjoining nullah and consequent deposit of slime, etc. It is hoped to remedy this when the new allocation of ground is made. The prospects for the forthcoming season in all sections of the Club are bright and the retiring committee trust that the incoming members will receive the same hearty co-operation which they have experienced themselves.

Cricket.—First eleven report: The first eleven had a very successful season, winning the "League Shield" with 7 wins out of 8 matches and ending up by defeating a fairly representative team drawn from the "Rest of the League." Taking friendly games into account, we played 10, won 10, lost 4, and drew 2. The batting averages show that there was no outstanding player but four or five good for 20 and another four or five good for 10. This is exactly what a League team wants; even some of our tightest matches were won after the leading batsmen had failed. Mr. Reid surpassed himself as a bowler and his record of 6 wickets for no runs against the University is worth a special paragraph. Mr. Bird bowled as well as ever; and our all round strength in bowling may be gauged from the fact Mr. Ling (who was invited to represent Hongkong against Shanghai) was not once called upon in a league match. The fielding was very prominent. We should be able to look forward to a successful season next year.

The Club's officers are: Patron, H. E. Sir R. E. Stubbs, K.C.M.G.; President, Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., L.D.; Vice-Presidents, Messrs E. D. C. Wolfe, A. E. Wood, F. I. Perkins, J. R. Wood, R. E. O'Neil and C. A. D. M. Bourne; Captain, Mr. G. R. Taylor; Vice-Captain, Mr. A. E. Wood; Tennis representative, Mr. J. W. Drakin; Lawn Bowls representative, Mr. G. J. Tacchi; Capt. "A" Team, Mr. R. J. Taylor; Hon. Steward, Mr. R. J. Taylor; Committee: Messrs B. E. Alderman, A. B. Allen, W. H. Edmonds, F. J. Ling, W. Thornton, A. E. Boscawen, A. J. Stanley; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. R. S. Verge; Hon. Secretary, Mr. Colin Barr.

Story of a Young Witness.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistrate's yesterday with having kidnapped a 3 year old child from 105 Second Street.

Inspector Appleton, prosecuting, stated that the accused lived at the same house as the child and had only been there for 14 or 15 days. He would prove that defendant attempted to walk off with the boy three times within an hour and that he as last persuaded the boy's elder brother to let him take the child away, ostensibly to a tea-shop. When questioned at the Police Station the defendant refused to make any statement and disclose the whereabouts of the child.

The principal witness in the case, the 14 year old brother of the kidnapped boy, told the Magistrate that on the 23rd inst. he was playing with his two younger brothers in the street. Shortly after 11 o'clock he discovered Ah Bing, the three year old child, missing. About 10 o'clock the same morning the defendant came to him and tried to take Ah Bing away, but he prevented him. A little later he saw the same man leading Ah Bing away by the hand. Witness took his brother back to where they had been playing. Shortly afterwards witness again saw him with the child. He ordered accused to leave his brother alone and the latter replied "What are you afraid of. I only want to take your brother for a walk and for some tea. I am not going to sell him." Witness did not object further in view of the fact that he was a fellow lodger. Witness waited for the child to be brought back and as he did not turn up by 11.45 he went home crying and reported the matter to his mother. A search was started but his brother could not be found. Later he saw defendant being arrested at the Wanchai market. In the morning defendant was wearing a white tattered coat but in the evening he was clad in a blue coat and had shoes and stockings on.

Evidence was given to prove that defendant was destitute the previous day and that he tried to borrow money.

The Magistrate adjourned the case until to day in order to enable the accused to find a witness.

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TRADE FLUCTUATION.

Reports upon the current trend of the world's commerce are to the effect that the lowest point of the depression is probably past, and that a slow but perceptible quickening of activity has begun. This revival is expected to gather momentum gradually and to develop into a period of business prosperity, unless checked by some powerful counteracting influence. Some elaborate investigations into economic factors have been undertaken by a New York journal, and as conditions in a country of the magnitude of the United States must react perceptibly upon the world at large the prospects there are obviously of importance outside America. Expectations of trade improvement in the States are based largely upon the assumption that there will be a recovery from the depression of 1920-1 in somewhat the same way as there was recovery after previous periods of depression—in short, that prosperity moves in cycles.

That this is the case in any mathematical sense may well be doubted, or, rather, it is not asserted; but experience has taught business men to expect recurrent periods of ebb and flow. A chart showing their course in the United States has been prepared covering a series of some forty-five years. It pictures the revival of prosperity that followed the resumption of specie payments and the bumper crops of 1879, the prosperity of the early eighties, the crisis of 1894, the revival of 1895-6, the boom of 1899-1900, the slight share of the United States in the general crisis of 1900, the revival that followed the extraordinary harvest in 1901, the panic of 1903, the prolonged hard times that followed before moderate relief in 1905 and the return of prosperity that began in 1907, the "rich man's" panic in 1908, the boom of 1909 followed by the crisis of 1907, the rapid revival in the following years, succeeded in turn by a deepening reaction until "war industries" brought a rush of activity (partially checked by the difficulty of coping with demands when America entered the conflict), a short period of depression after the armistice, followed by the big boom, and then depression again—here we have a graphic outline of economic history for nearly half a century.

Such experiences are common to countries with a highly developed business organisation. These cycles have a long history in the Old Country, where economists are accustomed to the term "periodicity" of trade revivals. They are known, too, in France, Germany, the Netherlands, Italy, and the Scandinavian countries, and may be perceived in newer commercial communities like India and Japan. Depressions pave the way for revivals, revivals may develop into "booms," which in turn are prone to breed crises, leading back to depression. Government departments, economists, and industrial leaders have studied these fluctuations with a view to obviating or modifying them. Investigation has sufficed to show that these movements follow fairly well-defined lines. So far it has not been found practicable to control these beyond a very limited extent, and the depression through which we have been passing is the result of dislocation upon an unprecedented scale. Apparently a rising tide is in prospect, but without a "boom," which in view of the fate of past booms can be dispensed with.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

St. Andrew's Day.

To-day is St. Andrew's Day and Scotsmen the world over are celebrating the festival of their patron saint. Local Scots are once again marking the day by the holding of a Ball in the City Hall and that usually drab building will present a merry scene this evening. As in former years a number of congratulatory messages have been received from kindred associations throughout the Far East and our Scots friends have again demonstrated their love of country, so often mistaken for mere clamorishness. As we are back again in the "piping times of peace" our thoughts can more appropriately turn to pleasure than was possible a few years ago, and if local Scots are providing entertainment for themselves and friends to-night let us not forget that during the war there was no association in the Colony which worked harder in the cause of charity than did the St. Andrew's Society. Most of us will recall those Heather Days and the big parade ground fairs, the street sales and collections and the altogether generous actions. Some there are who have thought in the past that a little too much money is spent annually in connection with City Hall Balls, that decorations are too lavish and the number of invites too many, but with the note of warning sounded last year there is not the same heavy expenditure being involved. On this occasion our two big local Societies—St. Andrew's and St. George's—no doubt have found difficulties in connection with any cutting down and for our own part we are inclined to think that if the expense is heavy it is purely a matter for those who are called upon to pay. There certainly can be no charge of stinting made against local Scots and all residents will join with us in wishing them very many more hearty celebrations of their great national day. The Scot is nothing if not thorough and the thoroughness and adequacy of the arrangements made for to-night's big function is in itself a compliment to both hosts and guests. Until "the wee sma' coors" it will still be the day of St. Andrew to whom we owe more than one happy memory.

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"DESPERATE TRAILS."

Exciting Film at The World.

The story of a man who goes to prison for a crime committed by a man whom he believes to be the brother of the woman with whom he is in love is depicted in the star film, "Desperate Trails," at the World Theatre. But the man who pays the penalty of another's misdoings discovers that the man for whom he is suffering is not the brother at all but the lover. How he escapes from jail in a packing case, how he gets his revenge and how everything comes right in the end forms the story of the film. There is no lack of excitement; it is filled with thrills all the way through. It is a good picture in every respect, with Harry Carey and Irene Rich in the principal roles. The Screen Magazine is shown, also a good comedy. At the matinees at 2.30 and 7.15 p.m. two further episodes of "King of the Circus" are screened.

FALSE TRADE MARKS.

Japanese Firm Takes Action.

Mr. H. K. Woo appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Magistrate's court this morning to prosecute a summons taken out by a Japanese firm against the proprietor of the Kwong Cheong shop for applying trademarks, which closely resembled those of the complainants, on sixty cases of matches discharged here by the s.s. Wing On. He said that after the production of these cases on a search warrant, the defendant came forward with an admission and an undertaking to enter into an agreement with the complainants that the matches would be delivered to them and be disposed of by them as they thought fit. Of the sixty cases, fifty-eight were now in police custody at the Kowloon Godowns, and the remaining two were with the police. If his Worship approved of the settlement he would ask for an order for the delivery of the matches to the complainants. The charge would in that case be withdrawn.

Mr. Lindell said he could not make the order unless he heard from the defendant an admission of the offence. The defendant, on being produced, admitted the offence, and His Worship imposed a nominal fine of \$5 and made the order asked for by Mr. Woo.

DAY BY DAY.

WORK IS THE GRAND CURE FOR ALL THE MALADIES AND MISERIES THAT EVER BEYET MANKIND—HONEST WORK, WHICH YOU INTEND GETTING DONE—CARLYLE.

Yesterday's return of notifiable disease shows one fatal case of paratyphoid fever and one fatal case of cerebro-spinal fever.

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ROUND THE TOWN.

"By Gadabout."

A number of forged notes which figured prominently at the last Criminal Sessions have now been placed in the Supreme Court museum. Perhaps it is not generally known that there is such a thing as a museum at the Supreme Court (it isn't open to the general public), but there is, and though not occupying very much space it contains quite a number of interesting exhibits. It was started by Mr. J. M. P. da Silva some years ago. I was having a look round it the other day and Mr. Akbar, who combines the duties of curator with his work in connection with the Court, was good enough to show me some of the curios, in which, it may be mentioned, he takes a great interest. There are pens and quills with which Governors and others have signed the oath of office, and forged notes are well represented. There are knives with which some of the more prominent local murders have been committed, poisoned food, bomb cases, and other interesting relics of Hongkong's underworld, though many of the exhibits would appear to have no connection with the Court at all. One of these (and perhaps it's the most interesting curio of all) is a small bottle containing a number of coarse hairs, which are said to have been found in great numbers all over Hongkong after an earthquake which occurred a few years ago. Our Chinese friends here it that the disturbance in the earth's crust was caused by a dragon living beneath the surface, who became restless about something or other. These hairs are those of the dragon, or that is what the Chinese say, anyway. Of course, I know, the sceptical reader will smile, but nevertheless, it was rather remarkable. I wonder if any of you can supply an explanation.

The Kowloon motor-bus service is now in full swing. The new vehicles aren't much to look at and I'm afraid I can't see them becoming popular with Europeans, but the Chinese seem to be taking to them right away. They are now to be seen all over Kowloon, most of them with quite a fair number of passengers up, and going along at a steady and quite safe pace. Europeans and the more well-to-do Asiatics will probably stick to the old and familiar rickshas, but I don't suppose the pullers will welcome the new form of locomotion, as it's bound to hit them pretty hard. Personally, I've always thought that there were too many rickshas, both on the Island and on the Peninsula. At times the coolies make themselves a regular nuisance in their endeavour to persuade you to hire them, but now matters will be even worse in this respect. It's rather a difficult problem. Although there appear to be more rickshas and chairs licensed than are actually needed, I suppose all the coolies manage to earn a living or they wouldn't stick at it. If they had their licences taken away they would probably find it a difficult matter to get something to do, and it's the idlers that old Satan's after, or so they say. The new motor-cycle taxis will probably hit the ricksha-pullers in the same way, but I hear now that these vehicles aren't to be put on streets at the beginning of the new year, as was at first expected, owing to labour difficulties at home.

The shopping area of Hongkong is now beginning to put on quite a Yuletide appearance. Everybody is busy dressing their shop windows for the Christmas season, which will soon be in full swing. The big stores are busy making their toy departments as attractive as possible for the young shoppers who will soon be looking around to see what they would like old Santa Claus to bring them. There seems to be no lack of toys of all kinds this year; they are now shown in great variety in many windows in the town. Crackers and greetings cards and Christmas-looking boxes of chocolates are exposed to view in plenty.

There doesn't seem to be any novelties in toys this year, but it is now possible to get many things, which, owing to the war it hasn't been easy to buy during the last few years. Steam engines and toy cinematographs are now on the market again, and constructional toys are finding great popularity. I was chatting to the manager of Whiteaway's the other day, and he told me that the kiddies still like the old favourites. Teddie bears, dolls and soldiers still have a large sale and the quaint "kewpie" dolls have not yet lost their popularity. Most of the toy soldiers this year were made by disabled men under the national scheme for training those incapacitated in the war, and exceedingly well-made toys they are, too. I was shown some heavy howitzers made by ex-Servicemen and they were exceptionally well constructed toys and were selling like hot cakes. Prices are much lower this year, about twenty-five per cent, I was told, though dolls are still expensive.

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Cargo. The Blue Funnel vessel, Yangtze, brought 1651 tons of cotton goods and machinery from Liverpool for Hongkong and 5,004 tons of the same class of goods for Shanghai and Japan.

Ah Hoy Reconstructed. A former Hongkong vessel, the Ah Hoy, now named the Catherine T. has been added to the Philippine inter-island fleet of motor schooners. The boilers and engines have been replaced by a 120 H. P. Scania engine that will give a speed of eight knots. The Catherine T. is a trim-looking vessel of 199 tons gross, 110 feet overall, 20 feet beam and eight feet moulded depth. She has been reconstructed with teak and other hard woods, the hold increased to 64 feet, and two water tight bulk-

heads built in, as well as having been newly-coppered and fitted out with new sails and canvas complete.

Returning To Japan. The Tokyo Salvage Company's Asuma Maru which recently made an attempt to reach the New York Maru left for Moji to-day.

Quick Work. Governor General Wood has followed the Maria Luisa disaster, which took place last week off the Bataan Coast, by ordering a thorough investigation of shipping in general in the Philippines. Governor General Wood declares that a competent personnel will be appointed by him to make the investigation, the condition of the Maria Luisa before she sank to be looked into also. The investigating committee will be asked to render a report to him and make such recommendations as it may think appropriate. "I am going to have a rigid survey of shipping in general in the islands," he says. The people are entitled to know whether the ships on which they, their families and relatives sail are safe or not. The committee I will appoint to look into the matter will be composed of experts. Whether or not the crew of each vessel plying in the coastwise trade are sufficiently trained for emergencies like that of the Maria Luisa, is another question which must be investigated also. To judge from reports I have received, it appears that some of the crew are not well instructed in their duties when maritime accidents occur. The purpose in making this investigation is to make any boats licensed to navigate in Philippine waters safe for every person to travel on. I want to encourage inter-island shipping and travel by boat, and it is therefore necessary that it should be made safe for everybody."

In Wireless Communication. The following vessels were in wireless communication with the port at 2.30 p.m. to-day—Susana, Golden State, Euryalus, Empress of Russia, Java, Hawaii Maru, Kwai Sang, Toyen Maru, Niipon, Macassar, Matsumoto Maru, Rakuyo Maru, Natica, Empire Arrow.

DUKE BUYING ACORNS. The Duke of Bedford is paying 3s. 6d. a bushel for acorns gathered in the wood. They are used during the winter for feeding deer, some hundreds of which are kept in Woburn Park. Quite a good income is being made in this way by unemployed cottagers.

Between Ourselves

By Robt. MacWhirter.

Well all that I've got to say to-night will be short and sweet like the donkey's gallop. And that in leaving home we mostly for at least two reasons. To begin with, all that I really know about St. Andrew could go in your eye and it wouldn't discommodate you and another thing, you'll mostly all be over busy in the fore part of the night to trouble your heads very much about a blethering old Scotsman. You'll get plenty of that anyway before you get to bed.

By, this is St. Andrew's Day right enough. As I said before, Andrew, he must have been aye a kind o' backward chap, no given to self-advertisement in his time, for man, it's a dickens of a job looking up anything about him. You turn up Encyclopaedias and you're instantly among a thicket o' "ifs" and "buts" and "generally supposed." Mr. Macconachie was very good on him Sunday last. Aye, as good as I've ever heard. The worst o' they saints is that they lived such a long time ago and hadn't time on their hands for writing biographies. His bones at one time were supposed to lie at St. Andrews but even that's a place I know very little about except that it's a very dear place in the summer and lodgings very hard to get. How poor St. Andrew ever got the length of Scotland is a mystery but he must have been in a bad way anyway for it's no the kindest of places even for a rickie o' bones.

That he discovered Scotland though, is nearly so wonderful as the way most Scotsmen have found St. Andrew. To thoroughly discover the patron saint o' Scotland ye need to go abroad and it's on a foreign shore that most of us discovered first how patriotic we are. There's more air in Scotland on a twelfth August than there ever likely to be on the last day of November. Now January 25th is generally a busy time one

way and another but there again, I'm reminded o' the curious fact that in leaving home we mostly for at least two reasons. To forget our Burns the sinner, only to find Andrew the saint.

Of course there's more class to worshipping a saint than a sinner, especially when our adoration takes more the form o' sinning than saintliness. That only shows ye the twisted lot we are. Well, anyway I hope you all have a good time to-night. Joe and I had a look at the decorations last night and they're fine. Nothing gaudy mind ye, but enough to fill the eye for all that. For one thing, I'm glad though at a terrible risk, we've set the measure for a little more seaminess in the way of display at our annual balls. It's been risky, as I say, but the first man that's so far left to himself as to hint at meanness is in very grave danger of getting his ear bitten off. We've set an example anyway, and it's to be hoped that wi' it the recent competitive craze to spend good money on gold and cloth and the like'll have been put a stop to. It has taken courage and all that St. Andrews but even that's a place I know very little about except that it's a very dear place in the summer and lodgings very hard to get. How poor St. Andrew ever got the length of Scotland is a mystery but he must have been in a bad way anyway for it's no the kindest of places even for a rickie o' bones.

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There's been far too much of that in the past wi' the result that it was only those wi' a fat credit account at the bank that could afford to be a heid yin in the Hongkong St. Andrew's Society. I hope to see the day comes when our self-respecting Scotsman can be our chief and not only because he's able to put his hand deep down in his pocket on St. Andrew's Night.

A little more commonsense on the lines of this year and that might well be possible before long.

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TO-DAY'S
MISCELLANY.

A Japanese gentleman visiting England was very interested at the sight of a large asylum, and on learning its nature remarked: "Ah, yes, you have a saying about the insane being invisible, have you not?" This query caused some bewilderment, until it transpired that the saying referred to was "Out of sight, out of mind."

We have noted the change in the costume of the Bluecoat boy, but have you seen the feminine imitation of the once-familiar garb? asks a Home scribe, who proceeds: Whether it will become the rage is uncertain, but nothing could be neater than the blue, fairly high necked dress, set off by a few inches of mustard-coloured stockings, and the neatest of Cuban heeled shoes, a vision of attractive femininity seen for a moment by the writer to-day in the busy Strand.

There may still be seen in London to-day some curious survivals of other days. Over the narrow entrance to Lincoln's Inn from an alley off Chancery-lane (a district made famous by Dickens in "Bleak House") is a well-worn notice board stating that "persons bearing burthens may not enter here." The notice dates from 1856. And in the entrance to Staple Inn may still be seen a notice board warning "rude children" not to play within its serene portals. This notice must also be over half a century old.

Christ Church, Newgate-street, London, now closed for the renovation of its organ (on which Samuel Wesley heard Mendelssohn play, and gave his own last recital) is celebrated as the burial place of Richard Baxter, and the church in which the annual Spital Sermon is preached in the presence of the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs. The church occupies part of the site of the famous Grey Friars Church, one of the finest of London's shrines, to which a library was added by Dick Whittington. Many scores of tombstones, once covering the bones of illustrious people, have been removed.

Discovery of a lost Rembrandt in Stockholm recall some of the thrills that have been experienced in connection with "Old Masters." Quite recently a London dealer bought a picture bearing Rembrandt's signature, with a heap of canvases stored in a cellar, giving £25 for the batch. In July a lost Turner was knocked down in a New York auction room for eight shillings. One shilling more was given in April for a picture believed to have been painted by Nicholas Birghem. The lowest figure quoted for a presumed Rembrandt is 7s. 6d. A rediscovered Franz Hals fetched £12,000 under the hammer.

The Slade Professorship at Oxford has been for a number of years in abeyance, owing to the economies forced upon the University by the war. The position seems a little unintelligible to a mere outsider who only knows that the Chair was suitably founded by Mr. Felix Slade in 1869. But so it has been, and now at last the important office is to be filled again, and there is considerable anxiety in consequence in the hearts of certain painters, architects and others. It is not sufficient to be just a specialist in a branch of the Fine Arts. The new Slade Professor must needs be able to lecture, and should possess a wide knowledge of everything and anything in particular. The position is held for three years, and Ruskin was the first to occupy this Chair. The last was Professor Selwyn Image.

Though the state of Vienna goes from bad to worse with rapid strides, Austria's capital can still pay lavishly for amusement. And Vienna even now wants the best European talent. Alexander Moissi, the German tragedian, has been there for September, and has earned several millions of kronen. Even at that price Vienna would like to have kept him, but he has engagements elsewhere. And now Max Pallenberg, who is the George Robey of German-speaking Central Europe, is going to Vienna, too. His contract says 5,000 marks an evening for 30 evenings. That means that in a month he will be paid something like three and a half million kronen. And Pallenberg started his stage career not so many years ago by playing in Austria at a salary of just 250 kronen a month!

DR. KOO ON CHINA'S
RAILWAYS.EUROPEAN CO-OPERATION IN
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

In a statement issued at Washington Dr. Wellington Koo said: "You know that the world was not built in one night: the situation in China cannot be hastily changed." He added that China did not intend to be impetuous in her plan. In discussing the handicaps against China's development Dr. Koo declared that China ought to control her own railways, foreign tariff restrictions limiting China's imposition of import duty to five per cent, ought to be modified. He advocated tariff revision every decade, and pointed out that the present regulations were twenty years old.

After expressing the opinion that there was no immediate likelihood of the cancellation of the foreign concessions, he voiced the hope that one of the results of the Conference would be to bring to an end concessions involving sacrifice of sovereignty China would be willing to work out in agreement with the Powers a scheme for rehabilitation. She did not desire to reserve for herself all the material benefits derived from development of her vast resources, but was willing for foreign capital to participate on satisfactory terms not involving economic aggression.

LADIES FIRST!

Hartlepool and West Hartlepool are probably the only places in the country where the license-holders, with few exceptions, adhere to the war-time custom of turning women out of their house an hour before closing time at night. There is no legal obligation on either side.

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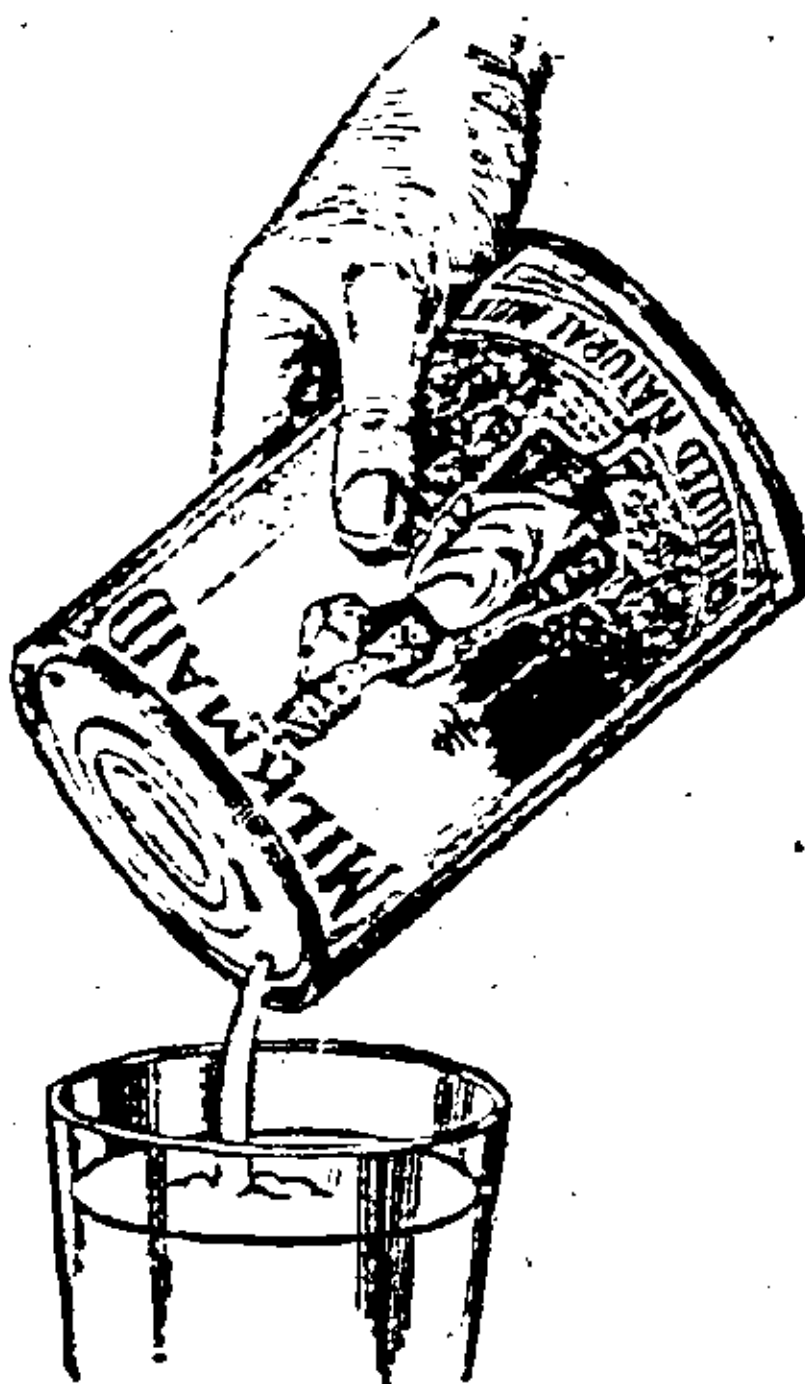
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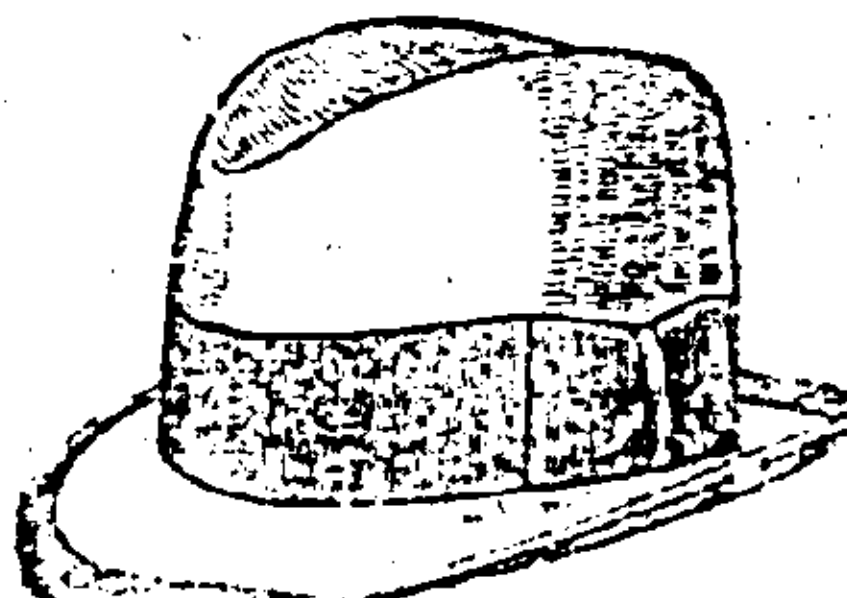
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When Fashion Speaks in Fur Parlance



There is a magnificence about the new fur coats that makes the woman who cannot spend three figures for her winter wrap sigh with hopeless envy. Superb are these long coats of costly peltry and fashion seems intent on making them more and more superb each season. Sometimes the trimming fur alone—in huge cuffs and collar—costs as much as a whole sealskin coat used to cost in the good old days.

Those good old days are past and gone. No fur coat may now be worn as was through a second season; it is not a question of how good the fur is, but of lines and style—and the style-makers take good care that nothing worn last season shall be possible this year. But no matter how much fur cost, women must have them.

ERMINE FOR THE EVENING.

There are two sorts of fur wraps: Those that are practical and those that are purely and entirely luxurious. In the first class come the sport coats of fur and the handsome dark coats that will answer for afternoon street wear as well as for evening wear. In the luxurious class are the evening cloaks of ermine and white coney, or of darker fur with white fox collars—wraps that cannot be worn in the street in the daytime. Perhaps you and I are not much concerned with the ermine evening wraps—but we do like to hear about them, and see them occasionally. The pictured wrap for opera wear is gorgeous indeed; the pelt is arranged in a new cobweb pattern, the soft ermine fur running one way in the sections that meet in points at the centre back, and the dividing lines in narrow strips that run in the opposite direction. Can you imagine the work of making such a garment? Especially when the converging sections of ermine are slightly skirted between the narrow bands! Yet this wrap is exquisitely soft and light. It is a masterpiece of the furrier's art and is, of course, priced accordingly.

Another ermine opera wrap that is gorgeous in character is a wrap shaped like a circular cape, falling in soft and graceful folds from a muffer collar of white fox.

BLACK FURS VERY FASHIONABLE.
A little smarter than a "sealskin" this year is an afternoon coat of black broadtail. Black is so fashionable in frocks and

tailored suits just now that black peltry cannot but share in Madam Mode's favour. There are beautiful coats of broadtail with collar and cuffs of lynx or of the new gray slynx which is not all like lynx in quality, but rather like horn lamb, smooth and woolly and pale gray in colour. A sport coat of gray-slynx is pictured—rather expensive affair for all its simplicity.

There is no more practical fur coat than the one of black broadtail or Persian lamb. It is handsome enough for any occasion and may be worn with afternoon frocks on the street, or with dance frocks in the evening. It is never too elaborate for day wear, yet its pure elegance makes it quite suitable for any evening occasion. A very stunning new coat of black baby lamb with muffer collar of Australian opossum is pictured. The lines are straight and simple and the collar is in the now-preferred muffer style—a straight strip that muffles the throat, rather than a convertible collar that may be turned up or down. And by the way, this muffer collar of gray opossum is lined with soft white ermine. The coat itself is lined with satin brocade in deep blue with gold splashes. A very new note is the velvet belt which passes through white metal slides; and the belt has a buckle of white metal and rhinestones. All fur coats are belted at a low waistline unless they are wrap-models, with dolman sleeves and a draped effect at the back.

COATS TAKE FROCK LINES.

The broadtail coat illustrated is conservative in style. Some of the French creations in black lamb have extreme lines and resemble fitted frocks, with sleeves set into small armholes and full skirts flaring below snugly drawn sashes or girdles. A model of the sort, of black baby lamb, has a very full gathered skirt attached to a fitted bodice which descends into the skirt in points at back and front. Collar and cuffs are black lynx. A mole coat has the full skirt and "close bodice," toward less décolleté modes for day-time and evening wear.

opposite direction suggesting rows of tucks on the skirt and outlining surprise revers on the bodice.

MINK FOR HIGH DISTINCTION.
The mink model pictured comes under the wrap, rather than the coat designation. It is one of the handsomest garments on today's page for nothing is more distinguished. Anybody who can wear a mink wrap like this is in a class all by herself and where there will be six smart looking black lamb coats there will be only one of superb, genuine mink. The mink coat illustrated shows the new wrap lines, with low placed sleeves and a rich collar that doubles under to form a muff-pocket for the hands.

Gray caracul wraps of hip length or three-quarter length are decidedly smart. One attractive model is of taupe caracul with a collar of taupe fox. Pictured is a graceful little wrap of smoke gray caracul with collar and cuffs of moleskin. The collar extends all the way down the front and the lines of the coat are particularly graceful and youthful. Short fur coats of this type are to be exceedingly fashionable, and it is in these short, youthful coats that sealskin will have its best expression this winter.

OPEN NECK STILL LEADS.

As to collars, the open neck still leads, although a certain number of high necks are to be seen. Strangely enough, it is easier to get them accepted in the spring months than in the winter ones.

The boat neck-line is having a certain amount of popularity, as it has been pushed by the dress-makers. In my opinion, however, this neck-line is exceedingly unbecoming to the generality of women.

The newest looking evening gown has a slight décolleté in front, often cut across the collar and combined with the perfect "sleeveless" effect. The black coat has general movement seems to be the full skirt and "close bodice," toward less décolleté modes for day-time and evening wear.

THE CARE AND USE OF FURS.

Thoughts of fur are in the air for the moment has come for taking out furs from cold storage or wherever they may have rested during the summer months, for renovating and refreshing them and taking them into use again.

There should be no need to "shake the dust out of them," for if they have been carefully put away they should emerge from their hiding place dustless, though naturally, after lying by for a time, they will require a shake-out in the air to freshen up the hair from its slumber, and a wipe-over with a piece of soft muslin will do them good. Then they should look beautiful again.

THE CARE OF FURS.

If care is taken of furs—and such beautiful things are worth taking trouble over—they are very durable and will last in wear for years.

The two chief dangers to furs lie in friction and the moth. Much friction will rub portions of the fur from the pelt, leaving unsightly spots, and this constant rubbing occurs most often at the back of the neck of a fur coat and under the arms, where, in consequence, the pelt is apt to become quite bald, while the rest of the coat remains good.

Fur should be carefully wiped where it has been rubbed, and before much damage has been done, so that the hair may not have a chance of clotting. Black furs used as much care in this way as white ones, and a black "duster" should be used for wiping them. A nice, soft one is made from black mull muslin. For white and light furs, white cheese cloth (or mull) makes a perfect duster.

Every time after furs have been worn, they should be given a little

shake-out before being put away. Is it too much to ask that they should also be brushed with a very soft brush kept almost exclusively for the purpose, once a day when in use? Frequent brushing and shaking means so much to the lasting beauty of furs.

THEIR STORAGE.

The danger of moth attacks is, of course, very serious, but even this can be avoided by proper care. While furs are in actual use, moths are not to be dreaded—in any case, the moth risk is over for the present, but the topic of furs and their preservation inevitably calls forth a reference to the moth danger, which comes, of course, when furs are stowed away for the summer, and more especially if, by accident, they are put away slightly moist. Furs should always be carefully dried, and if laid for any considerable time should be peppered or strawed with broken camphor.

Place pieces of camphor, cedar-wood, Russian leather, bog-myrtle, when obtainable, or anything else strongly aromatic in the drawers, boxes, or cupboards where fur is to be preserved from moths, and the little insects will leave your furs alone. Sandal-wood shavings, again, are useful for driving away moths, which seem to have an objection to anything aromatically odorous.

Another thing that they do not like is printers' ink. Fur, therefore, when put away should be wrapped in newspaper fresh from the printing machines. Failing that, tar-paper is an excellent preservative of furs, or even brown paper of the ordinary kind answers very well. The fur should be enveloped in two wrappers, each one of which must be sealed, and, needless to say, it must be carefully examined and brushed before being put away, to make sure that neither moths nor moth-eggs lurk among the hairs.

Those who possess really valuable furs usually send them into cold storage during the resting season. Others who keep their furs at home should profit by the hints offered.

DRESSING UP THE BRIDGE TABLE.

Now that the outdoor season is on the wane, afternoon card parties are beginning again and every hostess-to-be is getting ready for informal entertaining. The bridge table has to be dressed up and made ready for the season, like everything else. The afternoon bridge, with a light lunch

served when the game is over, offers an easy and pleasant way to entertain and to repay social obligations. One table of bridge with afternoon tea, is a cozy arrangement; two tables will entertain seven of your women friends and pay off that many social scores. Three tables will make "a party" with best frocks in evidence and the anticipation of something really worth while in a prize. When it comes to three tables, you need not play yourself—you are supposed to be busy enough seeing that everything goes off successfully.

Women vie with each other to have the little trimmings of the bridge table dainty and individual and as much thought is given to the matter as to the setting of a luncheon table. Covers of the card tables should match, and should make a harmonious background for the backs of the playing cards. Even this minor point is studied now!

One woman uses covers of black satin, with cards that have gorgeous red and gold backs; but black satin is not so pleasant to play cards on as cool, smooth linen and the nicest bridge table covers are of linen, beautifully ironed into smoothness and glossiness of surface. White linen covers have gone out of style and the preference now is for cool, pale green, tan or smoke gray, the edges finished with a button-holing or darning-stitch hem put in with worried a shade darker than the linen. No device is embroidered on the cover; the surface is left smooth and plain for the card playing. Small dishes of candy or salted nuts, almost invariably served at afternoon bridge parties, match the colour scheme of table cover and card backs. Very attractive, also, are the ornamental numerals for designating places at the beginning of the game. Six numbers come in a set, providing for six tables—or quite a large bridge party. They are the ordinary tin numerals used for house numbers on suburban doorsteps and you can buy them at any store. Enamelled with black paint, and then decorated with bright hued flowers, they are very stunning indeed as bridge table markers.

If the light lunch or afternoon tea is served to the players at the bridge tables, covers of white linen or of cream or pale yellow linen are spread over the tables before the trays of refreshments are passed. And when the dainty cover is spread over the table, four dainty napkins to match the cover are laid in place. An attractive set of the kind is of

pale yellow linen, the edges of table cover and napkins finished with white crochet scalloped. And a monogram embroidered in white decorates the cover and each of the little napkins.

FASHION NOTES.

SLEEVES AND GLOVES.

Sleeves still play an important and interesting role, and the sleeveless mode for day-time this year is happily found to be on the decline, if not in a fair way to be abolished altogether. The long sleeve seems to have established itself firmly in favour. The very bare arm look in day-time is far less in favour. This is a step in the right direction, for it is anything but attractive in most cases, and looks far too countrified for town events.

Gloves are somewhat more generally worn than in late seasons, and some substitutes are noticed, such as half a sleeve of the lace used to trim a dress, starting at the wrist, finishing at the elbow, and held in place by an elastic.

For evening wear some women adopt long black gloves, with their light dresses. The disappearance of embroidery from the mode has been predicted for some time, but I cannot bring myself to believe it. It is less in evidence, certainly, but it would be wrong to say that we are tired of it. The fashion of embroidering one section of the gown is altogether too pretty to lose.

Beads, too, seem to be firmly established in the mode. A detail of dress which is worthy of note is the re-appearance of the handsome gold mesh bags which had been superseded by those of suede, brocade, and embroidery.

SKIRT LENGTHS.

As to skirt lengths almost a standard length has been reached for street wear in the morning, while the greatest variety is seen in gowns intended for wear in the afternoon or evening.

The uneven hemline is too much liked to be abandoned and the effect of longer panels, trains, or sashes seems pretty sure to be continued.

The circular cut has not met with any marked success, although one still sees it occasionally, often in the unlined capes of crepe which accompany afternoon gowns.

Some pleats will certainly be used; we cannot do without them and they afford the best way in the world to give ease of movement to the skirt without the appearance of bulkiness which we so much dislike.

TO-DAY'S SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Stock Exchange.	Sharebrokers' Association.
Banks.	Banks.
H. K. & S. Bank n. 720	b. 720
233 paid	b. 705
E. of E. Asia b. Old 105	n. 105
Marine Insurances.	Marine Insurances.
Cantons b. 447 1/2	n. 443
North Chinas n. 144	n. 144
Union n. 241	n. 240
Yangtze n. 25 1/2	n. 27
Far Eastern n. 2 1/2	n. 24
Fire Insurances.	Fire Insurances.
Coina Fires b. 125	b. 130
H. K. Fires b. 367 1/2	b. 368
Shipping.	Shipping.
Douglases n. 45	n. 44
H. K. Steamboats b. 26 1/2	n. 26
Indos (Prof.) b. 35 1/2	n. 36
Indo Def. Lon/Res. s. 250	s. 255
Indo Def. H.K. Reg. s. 270	s. 272
Shells s. 90	s. 92
Ferries s. 37	s. 37
Refineries.	Refineries.
Sugars n. 153	n. 155
Malabons n. 43	n. 45
Mining.	Mining.
Kallans n. 90	n. 90
Langkats n. 10	n. 10
Shanghai Loans b. 1	b. 1
Shai Explorations b. 23 1/2	b. 23 1/2
Tronchs n. 15	n. 15
Ural Caspians n. 190	n. 190
Bonguet Con n. 190	n. 190
Docks, Wharves Godowns, &c.	Docks, Wharves Godowns, &c.
H. K. Wharves n. 92	s. 92 1/2
K. Docks n. 185	s. 183
Shai Docks n. 118	s. 120
N. Engineerings n. 69	s. 92 1/2
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.	Lands, Hotels & Buildings.
Centrals b. 148	b. 149
H. K. Hotel b. 21 1/2	b. 22
H. K. Lands b. 204	b. 200
H. K. Lands b. 10 1/2	b. 10 1/2
K. Loan Lands b. 46	b. 46
L. Reclamations b. 150 s. 155	s. 156
West Points b. 33	b. 34
Cotton Mills.	Cotton Mills.
Ewos n. 19	n. 19
Oriental n. 115	n. 115 1/2
Shai Cotton n. 138	n. 138
Miscellaneous.	Miscellaneous.
Centrals b. 25 1/2	b. 25 1/2
China Light old s. 13 60	b. 12 3/4 s. 12 50
China Light new s. 13 1/2	b. 12 65
China Provident b. 13 10	b. 13
Dairy Farms n. 25	b. 24 1/2
Electric H. K. s. 50	n. 50
Electric Macao b. 37 s. 37 1/2	b. 37 s. 38
Hongkong Ropes b. 14 60	b. 14 1/2
H. K. Tramways b. 1	b. 1
Peak Trams, old b. 1	b. 1
Do, new b. 1	b. 1
Steam Laundries n. ex div. 11 1/2	b. 11 1/2
Steel Foundries n. 17	b. 17 1/2
Water-boat b. 9 10	b. 9 1/2
Watsons b. 20	n. 19
Wm. Powells b. 27	b. 27
Wisemans b. 27	b. 27

FLASHES FROM THE STATES.

Temptation never catches a man with his back to it—*Green-rille (S.C.) Piedmont*.
Russia forgot to build a kitchen in her air castles—*Green-rille (S.C.) Piedmont*.
The modern girl thinks she's a live wire; and the reformers agree she is shocking—*Rock Island Argus*.
The modern reformer is apparently trying to root out evil with his nose—*Norfolk Virginian-Pilot*.
To achieve disarmament, build battleships by popular subscription—*Cheyenne Wyoming State Tribune*.
Our appendix may be useless to us but see what it does for the doctors—*Cheyenne Wyoming State Tribune*.
When they make men's clothes without pockets a lot of women can get to bed early nights—*New York Evening Mail*.
What this country needs is less agitation about bobbed hair and more for bobbed Government expenses—*Kansas City Star*.
The first practical step of the Washington Conference should be to disarm the nations that come with axes to grind—*St. Paul Dispatch*.
Keeping out of jail isn't all there is to honesty—*Colalt Nugget*.
If men could wear vest pockets without the vest life would be sweeter in hot weather—*Frederickton N.B. Mail*.
It is possible to kiss a girl while driving an automobile, but it takes a lot of co-operation—*Kingsport British Whig*.
The world is full of willing people—some willing to work, the rest willing to let them—*Owen Sound (Ont.) Advertiser*.
The best advice to brides is—“Don't try to make your husbands happy, just let them be.”—*Brookville Recorder*.
Some marriages turn out all right, and some young people settle down in the neighbourhood of his people or her people—*Kingsport British Whig*.

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PORT INTELLIGENCE.

The following shipping and mail intelligence has been correct to noon to-day.

Vessel	Agents	From	Mooring
Hainan	D. L. & Co.	Foochow & Swatow	Wharf
Camellia	B. C.	Yokohama & Takayama	Wharf
Hydranga	China On S. S. Co.	Swatow	Wharf
Yuenang	J. M. & Co.	Manila	C. 37
Huangang	B. & S.	Shanghai & Swatow	C. 45
Takung	B. & S.	Hainan & Hoihow	Wharf
Yangtze	B. & S.	Liverpool & Singapore	B. 9
Sinkiang	B. & S.	Canton	Wharf
Boon	Thomson & Co.	Hainan & Bergen	Wharf
West Himerod	Admiral Line	Hainan & Singapore	Wharf
Argon M.	O. S. K.	Hainan & Singapore	Wharf
Mikman M.	M. B. K.	Hainan & Singapore	Wharf
Senzan M.	Kimura & Co.	Hainan & Singapore	Wharf
Nanking M.	J. M. & Co.	Hainan & Singapore	Wharf
Sui Yick	Pook Hoi	Yokohama & Moji	Wharf
Wu Sun	Pak Hong	Shanghai	C. 21
Yung Ho	Yee Tai Hong	Langkoo	C. 37
Hwah Hsin	Chow Yee Tong	Hoihow	Adm. 24
Kam Yung Fat	Udoka Nip. Co.	Quinon & Hoihow	Wharf
Hok Canton	Wu Hing	Kwong Chow Wan	Wharf

Vessel	Agents	Where Bound	Departure
Lake Gilpin	F. M. S. S. Co.	Singapore, Calcutta	7th Nov.
Keystone State	Admiral Line	Manila	7th Nov.
Sui Yick	Fok Hoi	Shanghai	7th Nov.
Yuenang	N. Y. K.	Shanghai, Yokohama	7th Nov.
Kleisat	N. Y. K.	Singapore, Calcutta	7th Nov.
Nanking M.	N. Y. K.	Singapore, Calcutta	7th Nov.
Senzan M.	N. Y. K.	Singapore, Calcutta	7th Nov.
Linan	N. Y. K.	Singapore, Calcutta	7th Nov.
Phuempun	Wu Fat Sing	Singapore	7th Nov.
Takoo Wan Y.	B. & S.	Tientsin	7th Nov.

Impending Departures.

(Compiled from our Shipping Advertisements.)

Vessel	Agents	Destination	Sailing Date
Luna	B. & S.	Singapore	30th Nov.
Chinua	B. & S.	Singapore	30th Nov.
Kleisat	N. Y. K.	Japan	1st Dec.
Matsumoto M.	N. Y. K.	Shanghai	1st Dec.
Sinkiang	J. M. Co.	Hoihow	1st Dec.
Wooching	B. & S.	Tientsin	1st Dec.
Takoo Wan Y.	D. L. & Co.	Calcutta	1st Dec.
Nippon	J. M. Co.	Calcutta	1st Dec.
Kumang	J. M. Co.	Calcutta	1st Dec.
Yuenang	J. M. Co.	Calcutta	1st Dec.
Senzan M.	N. Y. K.	Yokohama	1st Dec.
Katori M.	N. Y. K.	Yokohama	1st Dec.
Yung Ho	B. & S.	Pukow	1st Dec.
Shansi	J. M. Co.	Swatow	1st Dec.
Huangang	J. M. Co.	Swatow	1st Dec.
Kam Yung Fat	J. M. Co.	Swatow	1st Dec.
Kleisat	J. M. Co.	Swatow	1st Dec.
Chinua	J. M. Co.	Swatow	1st Dec.
City of Glasgow	Bank Line	Hamburg	1st Dec.
Orates	B. & S.	Liverpool	1st Dec.
Hainan	D. L. & Co.	Footlow	1st Dec.
Hsingang	J. M. Co.	Sandakan	1st Dec.

Impending Arrivals.

(Supplied by our Advertisers.)

Vessel	Agents	From	Due Hongkong
E. of Russia	C. P. S. L.	Yokohama	2nd Dec.
Benbow	C. P. S. L.	Singapore	2nd Dec.
Matsumoto M.	N. Y. K.	Singapore	2nd Dec.
Rakyo	T. K. K.	Yokohama	2nd Dec.
Takoo Wan Y.	N. Y. K.	Kobe	2nd Dec.
Kaga Maru	N. Y. K.	Calcutta	2nd Dec.
Takada	N. Y. K.	Calcutta	2nd Dec.
Yamagata M.	T. K. K.	Yokohama	2nd Dec.
Shimo M.	N. Y. K.	London	2nd Dec.
Mishima M.	N. Y. K.	Bombay	2nd Dec.
Dunera	P. & O.	London	2nd Dec.
Dongola	P. & O.	Suez	2nd Dec.
Anafura	N. Y. K.	London	2nd Dec.
Sado M.	N. Y. K.	London	2nd Dec.
Egypt	P. & O.	London	2nd Dec.

Consignees Diary.

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Vessel	Agents	Goods Stored	Free Storage Expires	Claims to be in by	Examination Date
Keystone State	A. S. Line	Hon. Shan	Dec. 2	Dec. 26	Dec. 1
Takada	P. & S.	Hon. Shan	Dec. 2	Dec. 17	Dec. 1
Kore M.	T. K. K.	Hon. Shan	Dec. 5	Dec. 13	Dec. 6
William Penn	A. S. Line	Hon. Shan	Dec. 5	Dec. 23	Dec. 6
Power Castle	D. & Co.	Kowloon	Dec. 5	Dec. 15	Dec. 6
Kleisat	T. K. K.	Kowloon	Dec. 5	Dec. 15	Dec. 6
Bessa	O. S. K.	Kowloon	Dec. 6	Dec. 9	Tue. & Friday
Argon M.	O. S. K.	Kowloon	Dec. 6	Dec. 9	Wed. & Sat.
Hawai M.	O. S. K.	Kowloon	Dec. 6	Dec. 10	Wed. & Sat.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

Please cancel our previous advice of the 29th inst.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Japan	Rakyo	1st Dec.
Shanghai	Shanghai	1st Dec.
Straits	Shanghai	1st Dec.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Empress of Russia	1st Dec.
Shanghai	Szechuen	1st Dec.
Europe via Suez (Letters only, London 3rd Nov.)	Hong Hwa	4th
Europe via Suez (Papers only, London 3rd Nov.)	Chakaung	4th
Japan	Tateno	4th
Straits	Kaga M.	4th
California and Straits	Yamagata M.	5th

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Swatow, Amoy & Takao	Rooh M.	Thurs., 1 Dec., 8 a.m.
Hoihow & Bangkok	Fooking	Thurs., 1 Dec., 8 a.m.
Singapore	Cadastre	Thurs., 1 Dec., 10 a.m.
Shanghai & N. China	Nippon	Thurs., 1 Dec., 11 a.m.
Amoy	Eryas	Thurs., 1 Dec., 11 a.m.
Shanghai & N. China	Sinkiang	Thurs., 1 Dec., 11 a.m.
Straits & Bangkok	Seisan	Thurs., 1 Dec., noon
Philippine Is., Japan and Seattle	West Ivan	Thurs., 1 Dec., 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai, N. China & Japan	Argon M.	Thurs., 1 Dec., 3 p.m.
Singapore	Talhybino	Thurs., 1 Dec., 5 p.m.
Philippine Is.	Hanoi	Fri., 2 Dec., 8 a.m.
Port Bayard, Hoihow & Hainan	Yanzetse	Fri., 2 Dec., 11 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Fookchow	Hainan	Fri., 2 Dec., 11 a.m.
Hoihow & Hainan	Takung	Sat., 3 Dec., 9 a.m.

For	Per	Date
Straits, Bangkok, Calcutta & Aden	Katori M.	Sat., 3 Dec., 9.30 a.m.
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Swatow, Amoy & Kowloon	Amakura M.	Sun., 4 Dec., 9 a.m.
Tientsin	Chikung	Mon., 5 Dec., 11 a.m.
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A correspondent writes to the *Journal of Commerce*:—"If the Government really wished to improve foreign exchanges (it is very doubtful if they do so), let them adopt the German and French system of making all colonies use the coinage of the

Mother Country. In the early 70's the Indian rupee was 2s. 2d., 2s. 1d., and 2s. 0d., but quickly fell to 15 rupees to the £1. Germany soon got in. Hongkong and Shanghai money dropped also. English gold sovereigns are the standard circulating coins of the world. Why not make all English Colonies use English standard money—this would soon balance exchanges?

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

REDUCTION IN COLLIERY COSTS.

A Newcastle correspondent states that from a contract arranged on the coal market there it would seem that owners anticipate a considerable reduction in costs at the turn of the year, for the French railways have bought 100,000 tons of second Durham steams at 18s. 9d. free on board, for shipment next year, while the current figure is about 24s. The Swedish State Railways are inquiring for 6,000 tons of best Durhams for shipment at an early date.

SIR P. RYLANDS' PLAN TO RESTART INDUSTRY.

Sir Peter Rylands, at Glasgow, said nothing would help the nation more than to re-borrow the debt we had paid off during the past 12 months, and to remit general taxation. This should apply not to the industrial community alone, but to the country generally. The crushing burden of taxation and the heavy drain on our resources were very largely at the root of our trouble. We had been too precipitate in paying debts.

BILLS OF LADING.

At a meeting of the Committee of Management of the Association of Underwriters and Insurance Brokers in Glasgow, the following resolution was approved:—The Committee of Management of the Association of Underwriters and Insurance Brokers in Glasgow, having in the past advocated the amendment of certain clauses introduced into bills of lading, welcomes The Hague Rules of 1921 as an equitable endeavour to obtain by mutual agreement what is otherwise sought by legislation, and recommends the rules to the favourable consideration of ship-owners and shippers in the interests of the whole mercantile community.

JAPANESE COAL.

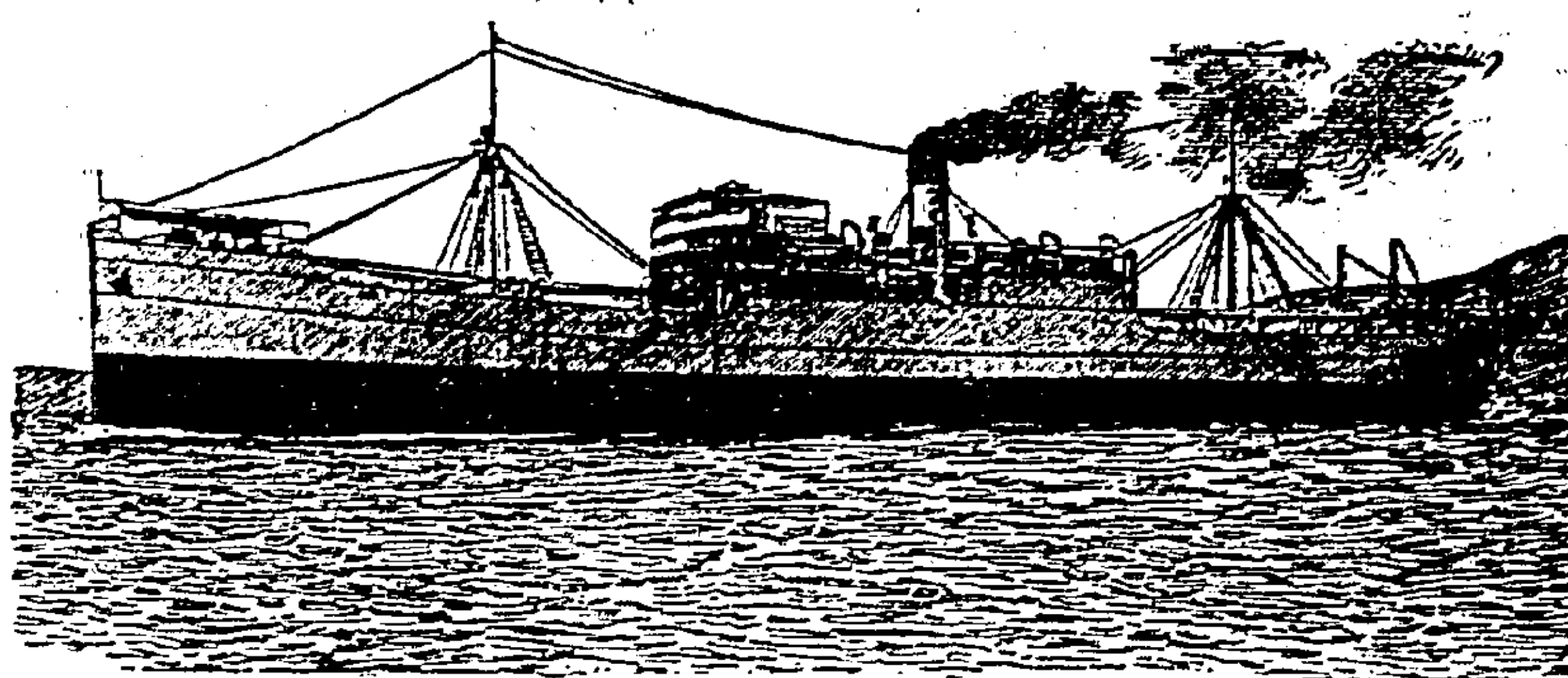
According to the *Osaka Jiji*, the Mitsui Mining Department and the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha have called together the wholesale dealers in the Chikugo district with the object of forcing up the price of good quality dust to ¥120. They are also devising plans to restrict the output of Fushun coal, which is regarded as a rival to Chikugo coal. Fushun coal could previously be bought at ¥5 to ¥10 per 10,000 lb. lower than domestic coal, but the price has advanced lately to the same level as domestic coal. And as this has caused the domestic wholesalers to look for a higher figure, general consumers show some restlessness in laying in stocks, as the season for demand has already set in. "Up to the middle of last month, dust coal was about ¥80, but it advanced to ¥95 towards the end of the month, so it is not improbable that ¥120, an ideal price as the Mitsui concerns call it, will be reached. Not a few consumers are reported as being enraged at the high-handed attitude of the coal interests."

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CHINA'S POSITION AT THE CONFERENCE.

How Internal Discard Has Prejudiced Her Status.

It must have been a bitter pill for China to swallow when she heard that, although her future will be practically decided at the Washington Conference, her position there will be inferior to that of Japan. She has long protested that decisions affecting her sovereignty have been concluded between other nations over her head, and no doubt she counted on no more discrimination being made among the nations invited to meet at the Washington round table than is made by the League of Nations at Geneva. In fact, there was no intimation that such would not be the case in the early stages, and it would be interesting to know what influences have been at work to preserve the differentiation principle which proved so unsatisfactory at Versailles. But, after all, one can hardly see how things can expect, as yet, to be treated as an equal at any international assembly. In the first place, she cannot speak with one voice. It is true, we have heard that the Canton Government is willing to recognize the Peking delegation, provided that it meets with their approval; otherwise, it is said that Dr. Sun Yat-sen will denounce it at the Conference as representative of China. But, even so, the Peking Government has little authority outside the walls of the capital, and the Canton Government has practically no sway beyond its own province. The bloodiest civil war for many years is raging in the Yangtze Valley. The great military governors still vie with one another for chief power, and when one does down his place is taken by another of the same name. The allies that call themselves armies continue to loot the districts through which they pass, and foreign lives are placed in jeopardy and property destroyed. Taxation, mainly imposed by the war lords, still grinds the people to the ground. These are the unmemorial customs of China, and until they are abolished, and a strong and stable government established, China cannot arrive at the place she aspires to. We had hoped, after the demise of the Manchu Dynasty had been changed for the Government of a Republic, that democratic institutions would sweep away the evils of the centuries and usher in the dawn of a brighter day. But those hopes were short-lived. The clock has been put back in many instances instead of forward. Even the cultivation of the poppy is becoming general again, as was recently shown by H.B.M.'s Minister at Peking, with the encouragement, if not at the instigation, of the Provincial Governors, who derive therefrom fat revenues for their own pockets. And yet through all the great mass of the people goon their placid way. Kismet, as they call it, in the in-bred very little has changed since China was first known. There we see to-day what we read took place in Abraham's time. That at first sight, seems to constitute the hopelessness of China for better things to be the root cause of most of her trouble. Why do not the teeming millions rise and throw off the yoke that condemns them to perpetual strife and poverty? In the first place, because they have no confidence in any Government. They have learnt from long and bitter experience that, however fine its promises, every succeeding Government is as bad as the last. They leave the Government as severely alone as possible, and even settle most of the differences that arise between themselves through their guilds. And, in the second place, because China is so vast (one-fifth larger than the United States), and means of communication are so bad, that what affects one part of the country is unheeded by the rest.

But with all the strife, oppression, and adversity, there is one feature which, infinitesimal at present, may yet prove to be the beginning of China's salvation. The ever-increasing number of Chinese students, who are returning to their own country with a foreign education, the large number of coolies who have gone back from France with new ideas, the expanding influence of foreign civilization at the Treaty Ports, and the influx of foreign goods, machinery, and in those are all exercising a quickening impulse, though it sadly needs direction. The growth of this influence may seem slow, but, having regard to the great size of the country, its vast population, and its extreme conservatism, during the last few years it has, in reality, been extremely rapid.

PILLS PAY BETTER THAN GRAND OPERA.

Sir Thomas Beecham on His Losses.

Sir Thomas Beecham gave evidence last month when the investigation into his affairs was continued at the London Bankruptcy Court. The receiving order was made two years ago on a moneylender's petition, and Sir Thomas had lodged a statement of affairs showing gross liabilities of £2,131,371, expected to rank for only £39,763, and an estimated surplus of £78,724 in assets. During the ten years before the receiving order, said Sir Thomas, he was engaged in producing grand opera in London and the provinces. The productions usually resulted in losses, which were defrayed out of the money provided by his late father until he died in October 1915. At the time of his father's death his (debtor's) liabilities arising out of the opera productions amounted to about £40,000 or £50,000.

Under his father's will, Sir Thomas continued, he became entitled to a life interest in 46 per cent. of the income derived from his father's pill manufacturing business at St. Helens. £90,000 A YEAR FROM PILLS. The profits from this business had recently been increasing, and he estimated that his life interest had been producing on the average about £90,000 a year. The Official Receiver, "What did you consider at the time of your father's death your income would be?—About £75,000 a year. So that while you owed about £40,000 at that time, you expected to receive an income of £75,000 a year?—Quite so. As a matter of fact, remarked the Official Receiver, you have never enjoyed that income or anything like it."

Sir Thomas, Alfred, speaking from memory, he thought that in the year after his father's death he received from £7,000 to £10,000. Continuing, Sir Thomas said that he proceeded with the opera business because his income should have been more than sufficient to pay for any losses incurred. He knew that opera was a heavily losing business in this country.

The Official Receiver, "But it was your hobby, I suppose, and to some extent your father's hobby?—Yes. £104,000 LOSS ON GRAND OPERA. The money he obtained from moneylenders was used entirely in financing the opera business. Between the date of his father's death and the end of 1915 his loss on opera undertakings had been £24,000, and the interest on money borrowed in connection with the undertaking was a further £40,000, making a total loss of £104,000.

Sir Thomas added that he believed an examination of the accounts would show that his loss of £104,000 was a conservative estimate. It was probably much heavier. Questioned as to the books of account kept in the opera business, Sir Thomas said he did not contend that proper books were kept, but informal accounts were kept, and they always knew the losses.

"My father," he explained amid laughter, "had a very simple method. He had an overdraft at the bank, and every increase of the overdraft denoted an increase of the loss incurred."

Regarding a scheme under which the income of the pill business should be retained by the executors and be devoted to clearing off the liabilities which his father had been under at the time of his death, Sir Thomas said, between July 1917 and July 1918, he received nothing what ever from the estate. At the day when the scheme was approved there was something like £120,000 due to him for income.

His present position was due to the delay in realizing the Greville Garden Estate, in consequence of which a large portion of the income due to him was not yet available for his own purposes. His household and personal expenditure for the last three years had not exceeded £5,000 a year. In conclusion, Sir Thomas said his father had arranged to liquidate the £40,000 of opera debts existing when he died, and if he had lived a month longer they would all have been paid, but the executors had no power to deal with them.

The examination was adjourned. The establishment of an aerial post between Peking and the capital of Shanghai is one instance out of many that might be mentioned. Shining through the gloom of perplexity and chaos which now enshroud China there is, therefore, a gleam of hope.—L. and C. Express.

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WEATHER REPORT.

November 30th, 12th, 1921. Pressure has increased considerably at Vladivostok and over N. Japan, the northern depression having moved eastward. It has decreased moderately at Weihaiwei, is steady at Shanghai, and has increased slightly over the S.E. and S. coasts of China and Formosa. Chances over the Philippines are slight.

The typhoon has apparently filled up to the N.E. of N. Luzon. Fresh monsoon may be expected over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 1.00 inches. Total since January 1st, 97.12 inches, against an average of 51.92 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District	Forecast.
1 Hongkong to Gap	N. winds, moderate to fresh; fair.
2 Formosa Channel	N.E. winds, fresh to strong.
3 South coast of China between H.K. & Lamocks.	The same as No. 1.
4 South coast of China between H.K. & Hainan.	The same as No. 1.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.
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Place of Observation	Highest W. L. ever recorded	Lowest W. L. ever recorded	1921	
			W. L. Aug. 30	W. L. Aug. 31
Wuchow, West River	+79.50	-2.42	29.00	29.40
Kongmoon, "	+14.70	-0.80	6.90	7.60
Linkinghow, North "	+57.00	0	8.50	—
Shanghai, "	+27.25	-5.00	8.00	8.10
Shanghai, East "	+15.15	-0.98	3.61	4.00

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8.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m.	Every 15 min.
9.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.	Every 15 min.
10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.	Every 15 min.
11.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.	Every 15 min.
12.00 p.m. to 1.00 p.m.	Every 15 min.
1.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m.	Every 15 min.
2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.	Every 15 min.
3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.	Every 15 min.

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9.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. Every 15 min.
10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 15 min.
11.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Every 15 min.
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Time	High Water	Low Water
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Previous Day on date on date.

Barometer 29.94 30.03 30.03

Temperature 79 68 75

Humidity 45 63 57

Wind Direction N. N.W.S.W.

Wind Force 2 2 2

Weather b o c

Rain 0.00 0.00 0.00

Highest open air

Temperature on the 29th 80

Lowest open air